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COMMENT OF THE DAY

New Phase

A NEW phase has developed in the dark hide-and-seek confusion of blood, steel, bullets and fear of the Mau Mau war. The terrorists have been driven from the Aberdare and Kenia forests and are now trying to maintain themselves in the settled areas of Nairobi. In one sense it might be regarded as a great military success but taken in conjunction with the campaign as a whole the effect of this achievement is somewhat mitigated by the sober realization that the fighting has been merely transferred to a new and more terrible setting—the very homes of the town-dwelling Kikuyus. This is a savage and barbarous campaign, where fear is an even greater and more potent weapon than the ugly steel pang knives of the Mau Mau which have carved their cruel and ugly mark in the life of Kenya. This scourge has all but frayed the nerves of the people coming on top of the natural disasters of 1953—the locusts, flu, foot and mouth and wire worm, to mention just a few.

WITH this background in mind, we can more readily understand the growing agitation by the settlers for stronger action against the Mau Mau. But it is becoming more obvious every day as criticism continues of Sir Evelyn Baring's administration and General Erskine's command that the struggle has been seriously jeopardised by the failure to achieve effective political action supported by all sections of the community. Necessarily it has taken the Army many months to develop an effective form of attack against the terrorists. Important changes must be made speedily in the role of the Army and the Security Forces to meet new developments. Above all, there is a very clear need for national leadership to check the disintegration of the political forces, to strengthen the morale of the people and to mobilise all races behind the Government now that the Mau Mau have been driven out of their forest hide-outs. It is regrettable that Whitehall is inclined to put more faith in the findings of delegations of MPs from Westminster but it is even more regrettable that the reason lies in the complete inability of the local settlers to forge a common approach to the problem of their country.

DULLES REITERATES "NO RECOGNITION"

American Attitude To Red China

Washington, Feb. 22.

Fears that American foreign policy was moving towards recognition of Communist China were allayed today by the American Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, who assured Congressional leaders that the United States would not recognise the Peking government and that this non-recognition had been a pre-condition of America's taking part in the Geneva conference. A State Department communique issued after Mr Dulles had reported to Congressional leaders on the results of the Berlin conference stated that the Secretary of State had made it plain that there would be no American recognition of Communist China—either de facto or de jure.

Allaying the expressed fears of certain Congressional leaders that America's taking part in the Geneva conference implied recognition of Communist China, Mr Dulles addressed his audience for over an hour and a half.

Soviet Army Ready

London, Feb. 22.

The Soviet Defence Minister, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, declared today that "our armed forces are in a position to deliver a crushing blow upon any enemy."

"At present our armed forces are strong enough to cool down those hotheads who have lost their senses and who might try to encroach upon our independence," he said.

"The Soviet Government takes every measure to maintain normal relations with capitalist states in order to enable the peoples to continue their peaceful lives as long as possible," Bulganin said in a speech highlighting extraordinary celebrations marking the 36th anniversary of the Soviet Army and Navy.

"The might of the Soviet Army constitutes the guarantee that the peaceful work of our people will continue. Any future enemy knows that they will," United Press.

The official communique on the meeting revealed that the Secretary of State had told both Republican and Democrat Congressional leaders of the results achieved at Berlin after which a general discussion had been held.

Mr Dulles said the communique had made the following points:

1. As far as Europe was concerned, the Berlin conference had forced the Soviet Union to show its hand—a hand that still held fast to what it had now and a hand that sought to grasp some more.

2. As far as Asia was concerned, there would be no recognition of the Chinese Communist regime. The United States, the communique added, had obtained Soviet Russia's formal agreement to that condition so that efforts to unify Korea and promote peace in Indo-China could proceed without changing the basic American policy on China.

There were very few comments after the meeting.

Senator William Knowland gave a terse "No comment."

House Speaker Martin said that the meeting had been "very interesting and substantial."

Republican Senator Homer Ferguson of Michigan said he was certain that the invitation to Communist China did not mean recognition of the Mao Tse-tung regime. — France-Press.

Terrorists Bombed

Nairobi, Feb. 22.

Royal Air Force planes bombed and machine-gunned the trapped remnants of "General Cargo's" terrorist gang today after Kenya's fiercest battle with the Mau Mau.

After yesterday's running fight in the Fort Hall area, possibly 80 survivors of the 200 Mau Mau engaged fled to Runthia Ridge, an E-shaped jungle area jutting into the Kikuyu reserve.

Nearly 90 of the gang are known to have been killed, making nearly 200 terrorists killed in eight days.

Inniskilling Fusiliers, police and Kikuyu guards have bottled up the Runthia Ridge.

The Ridge today was ringed with strong-points as bombers roared in to strike at the Mau Mau remnants.

A police spotting plane, using white phosphorus bombs pinpointed sectors for bombing by Lincoln and Harvards.

Mau Mau terrorists in Kenya lost 3,200 killed, 1,017 captured and 385 wounded up to February 1, the Colonial Secretary, Sir Oliver Lytton, told the House of Commons today. — Reuters.

Jet Plane Breaks Up In Mid Air

Cheadle, Staffordshire, Feb. 22.

A Venom jet fighter, one of Britain's top secret aircraft, broke up in mid air near here today and crashed, killing the pilot.

The plane, officially known as a DH 112, roared low over villages and farms. Villagers saw the plane disintegrate and then crash into a field.

Performance details of the Venom, which is being built for the Royal Air Force and Royal Navy, are still on the secret list. France and Australia have placed several orders for it. — Reuters.

Indo-China Fighting Lull Only Temporary

Paris, Feb. 22.

The Communist High Command in Indo-China is expected to resume its offensive—shortly to gain the maximum of ground before the start of the Geneva conference on Asia in April, military quarters said here tonight.

The present lull in nearly all sectors of the Indo-China battle theatre was regarded here as purely temporary.

It was not excluded in military quarters here that General Von Nguyen Giap, the Communist Commander-in-Chief, might still try to capture the strongly defended Laotian Royal capital of Luang Prabang in a bid to "softer up" French and Vietnamese public opinion on the eve of the Geneva conference.

But military quarters here thought it was more likely that the Communists would turn to "easier" targets, such as the mountainous jungles of Northern Laos to reach the Burma frontier.

"The Communists' obvious aim is to secure psychological victories which will increase the clamour for a truce in France and will frighten the supporters of the national governments of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia," one French officer said.

The Communists could certainly be expected to exert maximum pressure during the next two months to strengthen their case at the Geneva conference, these quarters here said.

But there was complete confidence here that General Henri Navarre, the French Commander-in-Chief, would succeed in holding all strategically important areas.

The main body of the 12,000 strong Communist division which invaded Northern Laos is still stationary in the jungle about 80 kilometres from Luang Prabang.

These troops, together with the estimated 30,000 men massed around the French base of Dien Bien Phu, on the Laos-Tonkin border, are said to be encountering considerable supply difficulties.

Latest French intelligence reports said these troops were running short of rice and other food, following the systematic French bombing of Communist supply lines.

French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault will almost certainly lead the French delegation at the Geneva conference, it was officially hoped here tonight.

French Foreign Office officials said Indian Prime Minister Nehru's suggestion for an immediate ceasefire in Indo-China had been received here with great interest. — (This dispatch makes no further comment but it was widely expected that the French Government would take any action to end the fighting.)

H-Bomb Believed On Way To Eniwetok

Honolulu, Feb. 22.

The closing of Eniwetok Island caused heightened speculation today that the hydrogen bomb is on its way to the Marshall Islands atoll.

An order closing the secret base was issued yesterday. It was to remain effective for 24 hours. There was no official explanation for the order.

The weather Bureau said that there was no reason to close the island because of weather conditions. They were most favourable in the area.

Reliable sources doubted that the island would be closed to make runway repairs. If such were the case it would be more likely that the work would be done in other than a holiday week.

These sources emphasised that they were only speculating about delivery of the hydrogen bomb. The tight security is being maintained about the forthcoming explosion.

A logical reason for closing the island, the sources said, would be to permit safe delivery of the H-bomb.

The bomb is due to be exploded in the next few weeks. It is believed that scientists are awaiting ideal weather and wind conditions.

NON-STOP FLIGHT

No B-36's were reported in or out of Hawaii in the past day or so. This would indicate that the bomb—if it is being flown—would be carried on a non-stop flight direct from the mainland.

Local sources insisted that B-47's will play a "surprise" part in the tests. The heavy jet bombers have been tested on a number of superior as A-bomb and H-bomb carriers because of their higher speeds.

It is known that at least one B-47 passed through Honolulu last month on route to Eniwetok. Some sources said that the tests will be a series of experiments using both atomic and hydrogen vehicles, climaxing by an actual drop of a full-sized hydrogen bomb.

MAINTAIN SECRECY

Two more officials of the Atomic Energy Commission passed through Honolulu on Saturday night. They refused to give their names, identify themselves or disclose their destination.

However, it is known that the two are scheduled to fly to Eniwetok early this week aboard a military plane.

The last of the Honolulu-based technicians left for the test area last week. Pan-American and United Airlines reported heavier than average flow of AEC and Government representatives from the mainland to Honolulu. From there, they transfer to special military planes for the flight to the testing grounds.

AEC officials said here that the Communists will know within a matter of hours—or at the most within a week—when the bomb explodes.

Their daily patrol planes will measure the radioactive contents of air samples, just as American Air Force planes do. The tip-off on the actual date of the blast will come when invited Congressmen depart for the testing grounds. — United Press.

Druze Leader Arrested

Damascus, Feb. 22.

Jordanian sources said today that the chief of the Druze tribe in Syria had been arrested and handed over to the Syrian authorities for investigation.

These sources said that Druze leader had been arrested after a number of his followers were being investigated for alleged involvement in the recent riots in the city of Hama.

11-Year-Old Schoolgirl Strangled



Picture opposite is that of Margaret Spevick, 11-year-old schoolgirl, who was recently found dead in a one-roomed flat in Hove, Sussex. She had been strangled. A search was made for a Chelsea artist, William R. Hepper, and he has since been detained by police in Spain. Top picture shows a London pavement artist who contributed to the search for Hepper by exhibiting a drawing of him on a London pavement. — Daily Express photos.

Ex-Gestapo Men On Trial

Paris, Feb. 22.

The Nazi "Butcher of Paris," SS General Karl Oberg, and his chief aide, Colonel Helmuth Knochen went on trial for wartime atrocities this afternoon after the French military tribunal had denied their plea for an adjournment.

A 250-page indictment accused the 58-year-old Gestapo police commander who held occupied France in a grip of terror, and his aide of countless tortures, beatings, and indiscriminate shootings.

Listening to the charges against him Oberg, with shaved head and strong brutal face made a sharp contrast with the 44-year-old Knochen who stood beside him with smiling face and elegant appearance.

The two are already serving life sentences. Immediately after the war they were sentenced by a British military court for the murder of British paratroopers but their sentences were later commuted to life imprisonment. — France-Press.

Japanese Announcement Puzzles Businessmen

Singapore, Feb. 23.

Singapore business circles are puzzled by the announcement by the Japanese Ministry of Trade that Japan expects to export more cotton and rayon textiles.

Last year, the quota of Japanese textiles allowed into Singapore was set at 70,000,000 Straits dollars, and by the end of the year, but had only imported textiles to the value of \$31,500,000.

This left a balance of \$38,500,000 to be used.

For this reason the trade advisory panel (textile section), which advised the Singapore Department of Industry and Commerce, decided that the 1954 quota for Japanese textiles should operate from April 1 this year instead of January 1, as in previous years.

The quota for Singapore for the nine remaining months of 1954 has been provisionally set at \$50,000,000 compared with quotas of \$100,000,000 in 1953 and \$50,000,000 in 1952 for the whole of the Federation and North Borneo.

The advisory panel has set a quota of \$20,000,000 for Japanese textiles for the period April 1 to June 30 and a balance of \$30,000,000 for the remainder of the year.

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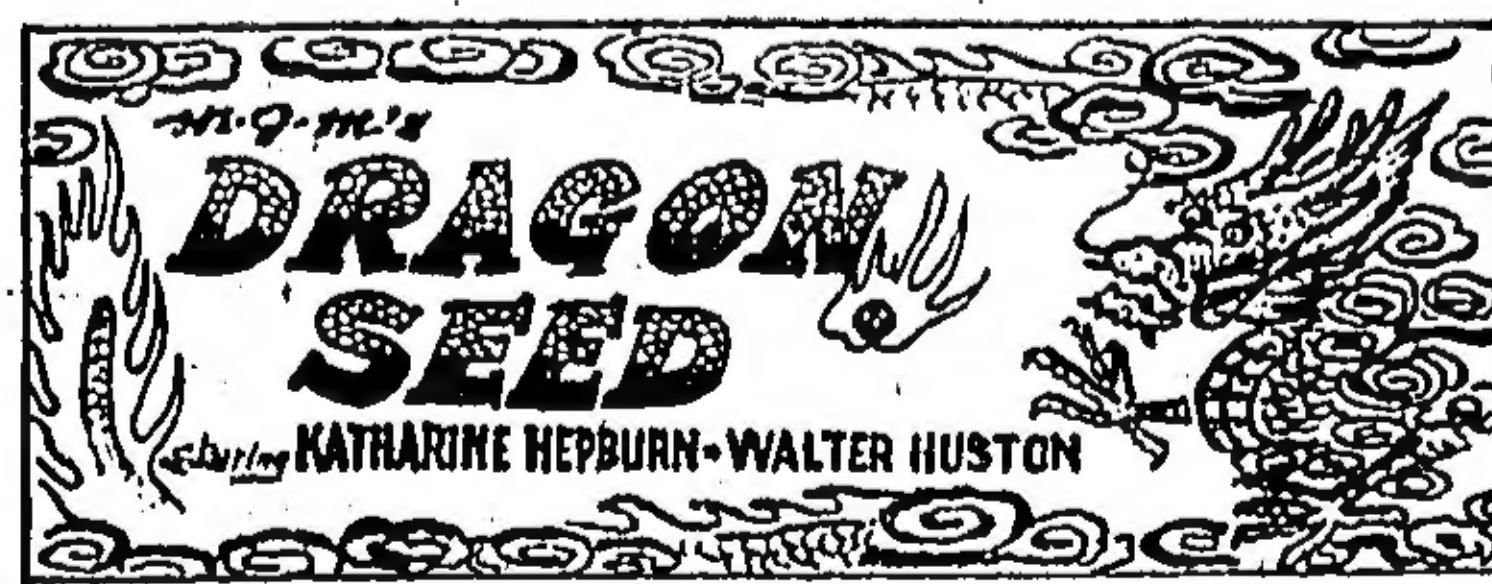
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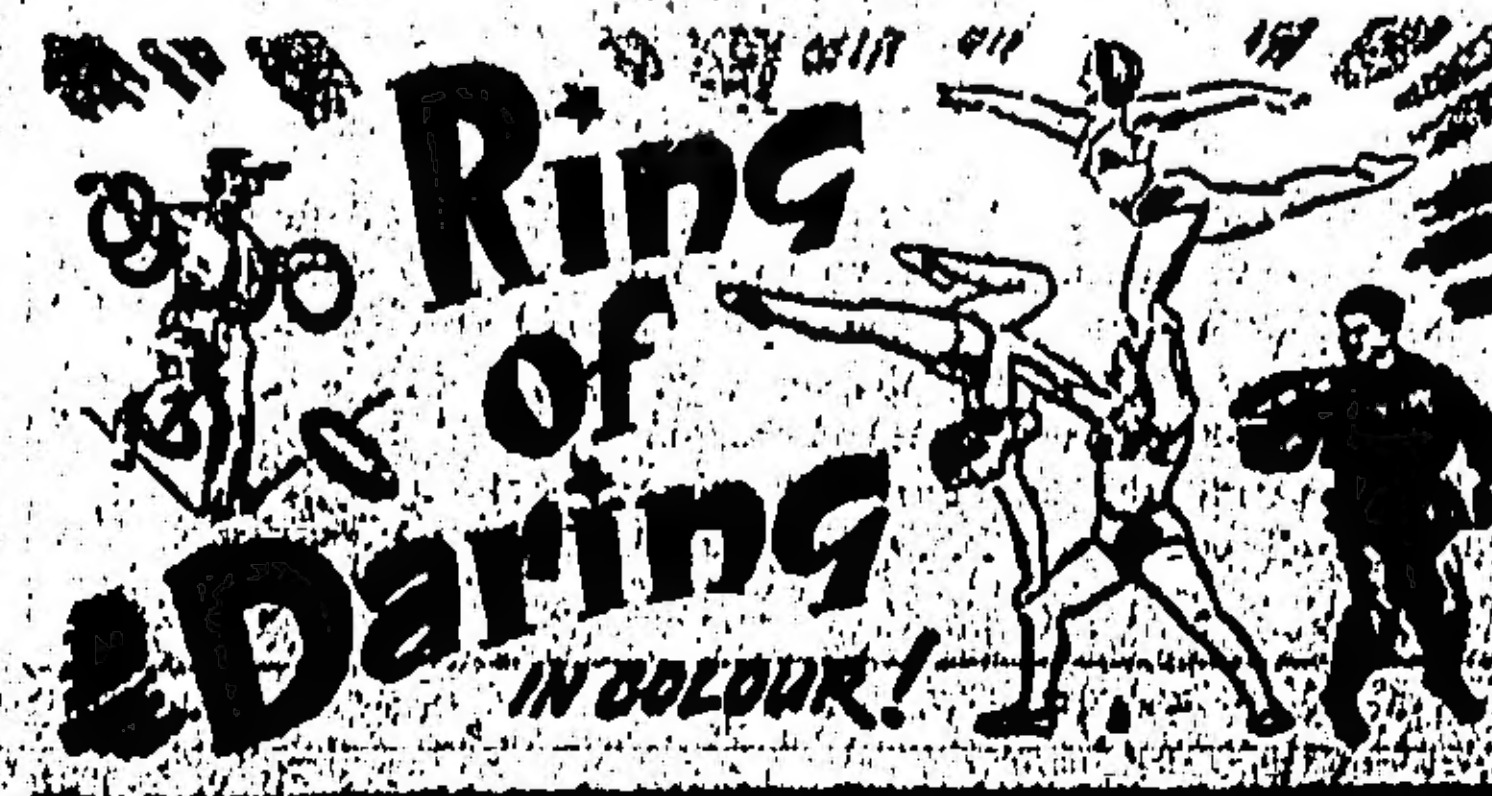
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US MAY ANNOUNCE AID

PLAN SOON Reply To Pakistan's Request

Washington, Feb. 22.
The United States is expected to announce early next week its decision to give military aid to Pakistan in response to the formal request by the Pakistan Foreign Minister today.

The next step is a military aid agreement between Pakistan and the United States. This will help to fill in the vast gap in the United States equipped defence system of the free world now existing between Europe and Turkey in the West and Indo-China and the Philippines in the East.

In terms of collective security the Turkish-Pakistan agreement announced last week tends towards linking up Pakistan with the North Atlantic defence system, because Turkey is a full member of the North Atlantic treaty system, as well as a recipient of United States military and economic aid. The accession of other Middle Eastern countries to the Turkey-Pakistan collaboration agreement will forge other links in the chain of collective security arrangements backed by United States military aid along the periphery of Communist Eurasia.

U.S. Wives Told:

It's Rude To Say 'Hey'

Wives and families of American airmen serving in Britain have been told by the U.S. Air Force that they, as much as their husbands and fathers, are "unofficial ambassadors" of the United States.

"Dependants cannot go anywhere unaccompanied," they have been reminded. "Every word they utter, every public appearance, by American women abroad creates in the minds of foreign nationals a certain impression of the United States."

"The dependant who greets the shopkeeper by saying 'Good morning' is creating a true impression that Americans are hospitable and gracious in their conduct."

"By the same token, a 'Hey' calling attention of the merchant to one's presence can only result in misunderstanding since this is a term equivalent of 'You dog' in most areas outside the United States."

They are reminded that the United States State Department, in "Information for bearers of passports" have said: "Tourists who assume an air of arrogance or who transcend the common bounds of decency in human conduct can do more in the course of an hour to break down elements of friendly approach between peoples than the Government can do in the course of a year in trying to stimulate friendly relations."—London Express Service.

Hussein Makki Returning To Persian Politics

Tehran, Feb. 22.
Hussein Makki, who helped Dr. Mohammad Mossadegh take over the Anglo-Iranian oil installations in 1951, today announced his return to politics "to fight any oil agreement" the present Government might make with Britain.

He said: "I shall stand for the forthcoming Majlis (lower house of Parliament) elections if the authorities permit."

"In co-operation with Ayatollah Khomeini (Persian religious leader and ex-Speaker of the Majlis) I shall express the opposition of the Persian people."

The people, he said, "would never agree to the present Government's attempt to reach an oil settlement with Britain."—Reuter.

Memorial Service To Baden Powell

London, Feb. 22.
Flowers from Scouting organizations all over the world were laid today at the memorial in Westminster Abbey to Lord Baden Powell, founder of the movement, to mark the 57th anniversary of his birth.

Scouting Guides and Scouts attended a short service before the memorial which was draped with the green and yellow Scout flag and the light blue flag of the Girl Guides.

Lord Baden Powell was born on February 22, 1875, in Rampton, Lincolnshire. He was a Scoutmaster for 35 years before his death.

The Best Fed Countries In The World

New York, Feb. 22.
Only 13 countries have managed in the last few years to obtain or produce food at 3,000 daily calories per person, according to the 1953 United States statistical year book published here today.

The best fed countries of the world were the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Uruguay, Argentina, Ireland, Finland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland.

Two of the worst fed countries were India and Burma, whose populations got less than 2,000 calories a day, according to the report.

Britain, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands had more than 2,800 calories, Western Germany, France, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Austria, South Africa and Poland had more than 2,000. Turkey, Israel, Cyprus, Greece, Italy and Portugal had more than 2,400.

Meat consumption in all the 10 European countries except France was below the prewar level, but in most of these countries milk consumption had risen.

HOUSING
The housing section of the survey again put Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States at the top, but Britain and the Netherlands were also included in the top category of countries having the largest group of dwelling units in the five to six roomed category.

Countries with over 50 per cent in only 1-2 roomed dwelling units included Singapore (92 per cent of total) and then in decreasing order El Salvador, Yugoslavia, Panama, Haiti, Guatemala, Egypt and France.

World trade (not including the Soviet Union, China and the people's democracies) was slightly lower in 1952 than in 1951, but was 3½ times as great as in 1938—due to a 40 per cent increase in volume and a 150 per cent increase in world prices.

Europe (excluding Eastern European countries) is still by far the largest trading continent, though its share in world imports has fallen from 52 per cent in 1938 to 42 per cent in 1952 and in world exports from 42 per cent in 1938 to 30 per cent in 1952.

Since the war the United States has replaced Britain as the largest single trading country, its imports and exports rising from 10 per cent in 1938 to over 18 per cent in 1952, while British share dropped from 15 per cent in 1938 to about 10 per cent in 1952.—Reuter.

COMMON DANGER

The United States has already promised its help to strengthen the Middle Eastern countries provided that the military assistance is not used by them against each other but against the common danger of Soviet aggression and expansion.

When terms of the military agreement between Pakistan and the United States are announced, they are expected to make it clear that the arms and equipment to be provided to Pakistan will not be used by Pakistan against India in connection with the dispute over the future of Kashmir.

In deciding to give military aid to Pakistan, the United States is taking the calculated risk that any loss of sympathy and support from India is of less importance than the gain in the collective security of the free world, resulting from United States military support of Pakistan and the strengthening of collective security arrangements in the Middle Eastern area generally.—Reuter.

Round-World Trip In An Invalid's Tricycle

Round the world on an invalid motorised tricycle sounds a little audacious. But that is the trip planned by Mr. H. E. Franklin, 28, of Rother Bridge Road, Folkestone, according to reports from London.

He contracted polio when he was two years old and relies on his tricycle to get about.

He flies to Paris in a fortnight's time on the first stage of his tour.

He intends to spend two or more years away from England and to visit every country and capital city in the world.

Said Mr. Franklin: "I have no ties here. My mother died recently. I had no other relative."

SMALL LEGACY
"I want to see the world and this is the way to do it. A small legacy from my mother will start me off. I hope to earn money as I go along."

The tricycle will be fitted with a trailer to take camping equipment, including a tent. It does about 110 miles to the gallon so travelling costs will be low.

Mr. Franklin recently completed a round trip from Folkestone to Edinburgh, Inverness, and Wales.

"If I can do that," he said, "going round the world should present no great difficulty."—(London Express Service)

50 Million Phones

New York, Feb. 22.
The United States has more than 50,000,000 telephones, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company reported today.—United Press.

"You Aren't Fit To Wear That Uniform"

— Says McCarthy

Washington, Feb. 22.
Senator Joseph R. McCarthy today postponed his showdown with Army Secretary Robert T. Stevens until Thursday while his subcommittee investigates another phase of "the Army's handling of Communists."

Simultaneously, it was disclosed that Senator McCarthy's bitter fight with Mr. Stevens exploded into the open because the Wisconsin Republican told B-11-Gen. Ralph W. Zwicker at a secret New York hearing that he was "not fit to wear that uniform."

Senator McCarthy would not identify the witnesses scheduled to appear tomorrow. But he said the new inquiry had nothing to do with the case of Major Irving Peress, whose promotion and honorable discharge led to the current heated controversy.

Senator McCarthy, who announced the postponement of Mr. Stevens' appearance at an impromptu news conference following his return from Philadelphia, said the new hearing would be "principally" for the Army Secretary's benefit. "I don't want him to make any great mistake," Senator McCarthy said. "He should not be in the embarrassing position of coming back here and testifying under oath because he knows the facts."

Senator McCarthy's postponement of the Stevens hearing cleared up a last-minute mix-up of whether the Army Secretary would appear tomorrow, as originally scheduled.—United Press.

WHITE HOUSE KEEPS OUT

Palm Springs, California, Feb. 22.

The White House declined today to step publicly into the dispute between Senator Joseph McCarthy and Army Secretary Robert T. Stevens.

Press Secretary James C. Hagerly said as far as he knew Mr. Stevens has not been in touch with President Eisenhower concerning the Army Secretary's instructions to two high Army officers not to testify before the McCarthy investigating subcommittee.—United Press.

HE REFUSES TO BE TRAPPED

New York, Feb. 22.
A rhesus monkey has joined the wild life at Idlewild airport, exasperated authorities announced today.

Officials said they believed the monkey escaped from a shipment of zoo animals from abroad. It had taken up residence in a ventilator box on a roof of a hangar and is feeding from a trap which has been unsuccessfully set to catch him, they said.—United Press.

Increased Aid Not Sought

Paris, Feb. 22.
France had not demanded any increase in American military aid as a result of the talks at Dalat in Vietnam between the French Defence Minister, M. Rene Pleven, and the Director of the American Foreign Operations Administration, Mr. Harold Stassen, authoritative circles stated here today.

It was stated a speed-up in the delivery of aid had been requested and that France had put in a request for certain types of war material.—France-Press.

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NEHRU'S APPEAL NOT LIKELY TO SUCCEED

World Reaction To Indian Move For Indo-China Talks

Paris, Feb. 22. Reaction from world capitals to the appeal of the Indian Premier, Pandit Nehru, for a cease-fire in Indo-China showed there was little hope of his action being successful—though his initiative was welcomed.

"McCarthyism Has Intimidated US Teachers"

New York, Feb. 22. Communist investigations have intimidated the entire teaching profession in the United States, Dr. Robert Hutchins, former President of Chicago University, declared in this week's Look magazine.

He wrote: "Education is impossible in many parts of the United States today because free inquiry and free discussion are impossible."

Teachers feared free classroom discussion on any issues that might be considered "controversial" including UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation), racial discrimination, health insurance, Communist China or even the bill of rights.

Dr. Hutchins predicted that Senator Joseph McCarthy's recent attack on Harvard University would not only inhibit the Harvard staff but other university staffs too.

(On January 15 Dr. Wendell Furry, a Harvard Associate Professor of Physics, admitted he was a Communist during the war.)

"Professors everywhere will hesitate before they express opinions contrary to those of Senator McCarthy, or before they say anything that can be twisted into an unpopular statement," Dr. Hutchins stated.

"The teachers of many subjects cannot teach without risking their jobs. In many states they are required to take special oaths that they have not been disloyal."

"No country ever needed education more than ours does today,"—Reuter.

In the two countries most directly concerned—France and Communist China—the idea of a conference on the Indo-China conflict was welcomed, but, in the case of Peking, there was no reference to the appeal of Pandit Nehru.

Peking Radio, quoting an editorial in the official "People's Daily," struck an expectant note on the Geneva conference, but called for "vigilance against bellicose elements in the ruling circles of the United States" which, said the radio, were blocking a peaceful settlement of the Korean question and were actively intervening in Indo-China.

The "People's Daily" was quoted as saying that the Chinese Government and people consistently stood by the point of view that the Korean question and the restoration of peace in Indo-China "must and can be settled through peaceful negotiations."

The editorial said America was taking an increasingly active part in the war in Indo-China and was throwing in large quantities of munitions, military equipment and personnel.

"It is no longer a secret that she is daily aggravating the contradictions between the U.S., France and her other partners. It is especially so since the U.S. is compelling France to continue an unpopular war in Indo-China."

The "People's Daily" said the Berlin agreement on a five-power conference in Geneva showed, incontrovertibly, that China's voice could not be ignored.

In Paris, where the Geneva conference has been welcomed in all circles, Pandit Nehru's suggestion of an immediate cease-fire was regarded tonight as more of a humanitarian gesture than a practical possibility.

Nobody believed his appeal would lead to any armistice announcement and political observers pointed to the example of Korea, where the moment an armistice was signed each belligerent went all out to put itself into a better firing position at the last minute.

GENERAL SATISFACTION. But there was general satisfaction in Paris official quarters at the result of the Berlin conference, chiefly because, at last, the Indo-China problem had been raised to an international level with the chance of an international peace.

There is, however, no rosy hope of spectacular results at

Geneva. It was pointed out that neither Peking nor Moscow seemed to be prepared to bring any pressure on Ho Chi-minh merely to show their generosity and peaceful spirit.

It was certain, observers said, the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Molotov, would try to follow the successes of Berlin and obtain for Communist China what he was unable to obtain there.

It was expected the Formosan question would again be brought up with Soviet insistence on Peking's taking Taiwan's place in the United Nations and Communist China demanding full membership of the Big Five as a precondition to her goodwill over Indo-China.

Political observers in the French capital found it hard to see under what circumstances Ho Chi-minh would be prepared to order a cease-fire immediately and under what circumstances Peking would advise him to do so.

TOP CARDS

The point was stressed that Indo-China, at present, was one of the top cards in Peking's hands—a hand which would not be played before Geneva.

Responsible circles in London received Pandit Nehru's appeal with a mixture of interest and doubt.

Political observers in the British capital questioned whether it was likely to be successful and whether Nehru had sounded out the Peking government before he spoke.

It was pointed out that Peking aid had largely contributed to the Vietnamese capacity to continue the war and for this reason the appeal could only cause a certain confusion of mind, unless there were exact indications of intentions from the Vietnamese and Peking.

Political circles said they hoped Nehru's appeal would be heeded by the Peking government and the Vietnamese.

"LITTLE FINGER"

They drew attention to a statement made by the late Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, when he said about the Greek civil war that Stalin had only to lift his little finger to end it.

Today, these observers said, it only needed the Peking government to stop supplying arms to Ho Chi-minh to bring peace back to Indo-China.

The same political circles pointed out that the wish to see an end to the fighting in Indo-China corresponded with the sentiments manifested throughout France. The French government had, once more, declared itself in favour of an honourable settlement which it hoped to be able to reach in agreement with the governments of the three Associated States of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos, the sources concluded.

In the United Nations in New York, well-informed circles said, Pandit Nehru's appeal had not been preceded by negotiations with the parties concerned in the conflict. It was also believed India had no immediate intentions of going beyond the appeal.

U.N. circles considered that Nehru would now wait to see the reactions from Paris and the Vietnamese.

The belief in U.N. headquarters was that the Indian Government would be ready to put itself at the disposal of both sides to negotiate a cease-fire which could be a prelude to discussions at Geneva.

Pandit Nehru's appeal came as a surprise to several U.N. delegations including that of the United States, but it was pointed out a cease-fire was difficult to negotiate a cease-fire of no fixed term line and because of the presence of many pockets in both areas.

Indian participation in the Geneva conference, was ruled out because the entry of neutrals in the deliberations had been banned. But there was no doubt that India was ready to use her good offices to bring about a peaceful settlement.

She's Going To Defend Farouk's Moral Conduct



Mrs. Tomma Jean Robinson, twenty-two-year-old wife of a wealthy American steel magnate, has arrived in Paris with a mission. She represents 43 matrons of Des Moines, Iowa, members of the "American League for the Defence of King Farouk." The society's aim is to vindicate Farouk's "moral and spiritual conduct."—Express Photo.

Now It's No Glamour & All Hard Work For Air Hostesses

London, Feb. 23. Faster airliners mean faster air hostesses and this means the job is losing much of its glamour, according to British European Airways.

Adenauer Thanks The West

"We Could Not Have Done Better"

Bonn, Feb. 22. The West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, said today "the stubbornness of the Soviet Union was based not on strength but rather on fear of losing her satellites and on domestic insecurity."

In an interview with the semi-official newspaper, Dr. Adenauer said "nothing was lost" despite the failure of attempts to reunify Germany which "he attributed to the Soviet desire 'to dominate the world.'"

He insisted on Germany's adherence to the policy of European integration which "does not serve the interests of the European States only but also of the world, including the Soviet Union."

Dr. Adenauer expressed "the sincere gratitude of the German people toward the Western European Ministers who represented our cause so clearly, so logically and so emphatically that one can only say German negotiators could not have done better."

He supported the Western view that the question whether a reunified Germany would remain or not in the European Defence Community, was "academic."—France-Press.

"White Paper" On Berlin Talks

London, Feb. 22. The British Government today published a 180-page "White Paper" on the four-power conference containing the main speeches delivered by the four foreign ministers at open sessions between January 25 and February 18.

The Paper included documents and resolutions submitted during the conference and the speeches of the Austrian Foreign Minister, Dr. Leopold Figl.

Last year, 41 hostesses resigned. Twenty of them were transferring their attentions to husbands, but the rest had "other reasons."

From the "other reasons" given, British European Airways conclude that before they start the hostesses are up in the clouds but when the aircraft takes off they come back to earth—and work.

The faster aircraft travel the less time there is for serving tea. Faster schedules cut out pleasant overnight stops in continental cities.

On top of this, more exacting qualifications are demanded. Hostesses must be between 21 and 27 years old, five feet eight inches maximum height and eight and a half stone maximum weight.

One Continental language is a "must" and they are paid £8. 12s. 6d. sterling a week basic wage.—China Mail Special.

Russia Has A Big Navy

London, Feb. 22. The Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Defence, Mr. Nigel Birch, told the House of Commons this afternoon the Soviet Navy now possessed 25 modern cruisers, more than 100 destroyers, 350 submarines (about half for coastal use) and 2,000 other craft of varying tonnage.

Mr. Birch told the Commons that the Soviet Air Force had about 25,000 aircraft with another 3,000 for aero-naval co-operation in the army.

The Soviet land forces, he said, had about 30,000 tanks for front-line use and another 25,000 reserve tanks.—France-Press.

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IT'S MORE ALLURING, GLAMOROUS, DARING, SCINTILLATING THAN 'CAROLINE CHÉRIE'



Just His Job!

Mineola, New York, Feb. 22. Roman Landolfi, 24, was fined \$100 yesterday for drunken driving after his car hit a house, caused a lawn, knocked over a tree, roused a chunk out of another house, careened into the garage pushing the other car out and collapsing the garage.

Landolfi is a professional house wrecker.—United Press.

Former Ambassador Says:

No Significant Change In Red Rulers Since 1917

Washington, Feb. 21. The former British Ambassador to Moscow, Sir David Kelly, in an interview published here today, said world peace hinged on the success of NATO and the harnessing of German military strength by the West.

"If NATO is able to do what it set out to do and if German strength can be utilised through the EDC, I think we have a very good chance of showing a firm front to keep the peace," he said.

The interview took place recently in London and was published under copyright in the current issue of the weekly magazine "US News and World Report."

Expressing no surprise at the "lack of results" from the Berlin conference, Sir David explained: "The Communist rulers of Russia are tied to an iron-clad body of doctrine, are simply not swayed by discussion and argument or personal feelings."

ROOSEVELT'S FAILURE

Sir David said such has been the case since 1917 and he has seen "no significant change in their fundamental outlook, either internally or externally" since Stalin's death.

Further, he said, "the failure of Western Governments of public opinion and perhaps especially the failure of President Roosevelt to grasp Russia's fixed purposes was responsible for the serious position of power that Russia gained at the end of World War II. That is at the root of today's tension."

He added: "The great illusion has been that Soviet rulers were not different from ordinary Western politicians, living from day to day with no definite long-term objectives and capable of being turned from their purpose by personal persuasion."—United Press.

Lilac Dress For The Queen at "Under 30" Revels

Hobart, Tasmania, Feb. 22. Queen Elizabeth, wearing a lilac coloured dress of Swiss embroidered organdy, attended "under 30" revels at the St. Paul's Hall in Hobart City Hall tonight, but did not dance.

As 1,200 people on the dance floor and 1,100 in the galleries—at least half of them under 30—enjoyed the informal evening in the presence of Royalty, the crowd outside and chanted: "We want the Queen."

The Queen's official day had started with opening the fifth session of Tasmania's 30th Parliament.

Spectators were seated within six feet of the Queen when she read the speech opening Parliament in the small Legislative Council Chamber packed today with 200 people in the space normally occupied by only 19 members.

The Queen and the Duke spent the afternoon at a garden party in the grounds of Government House and mingled with the 4,000 guests.—Reuter.

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- ACROSS
1 Inpartial (4).
4 Progress (7).
9 Social centre (4).
10 Exact copy (7).
11 Extent (4).
12 Prepare for publication (4).
14 Article of furniture (7).
15 Put off (5).
16 Shellfish (5).
17 Military formation (7).
18 Washed (4).
19 Kneaded (4).
20 Judge (7).
21 Tub (4).
22 Wickiness (4).
23 Wealth (7).
24 Nobleman (4).
- DOWN
2 Refer to (5).
3 Discount (5).
4 Vouthified (6).
5 Dismal (6).
6 Book of maps (5).
7 Hiding-place (5).
8 Benit (4).
10 Irritate (4).
11 Blenheim (4).
12 Tear (4).
13 Illit spirit (5).
14 Hike (5).
15 Benson (5).
16 Shipments (5).
17 Order (5).
18 Chopik (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1. Crawl, 5. Coals, 8. Appal, 9. Retina, 10. Pivot, 11. Antio, 12. Able, 13. Tired, 14. Seize, 15. Petrol, 20. Scene, 22. Limp, 23. Dealt, 25. Recur, 26. August, 27. Bears, 28. Speed, 29. Skates, Down: 1. Gattalo, 2. Alloppe, 3. Luda, 4. Spanner, 5. Capital, 6. Milet, 7. Score, 14. Regiment, 15. Despiece, 16. Steered, 17. Dolina, 18. Bazaar, 21. Champ, 22. Rusty.

Concluding The Black Baronet, a new SHERLOCK HOLMES Adventure

WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR...

Colonel Jocelyn Darcy has been stabbed to death in the banquet hall at Lavington Court. The host, Sir Reginald Lavington, was suspected because of jealousy over his wife. Holmes spends a day searching for old documents relating to the Lavingtons. Then he and Dr Watson set off for Lavington Court.

PART THREE

It was a wild, blustering evening. As we walked through the dusk to the old manor-house, the air was filled with the creaking of tree-branches and I felt the cold touch of a blown leaf against my cheek. Lavington Court was as shadowy as the hollow in which it lay; but, as Gillingham opened the door to us, a gleam of light showed in the direction of the banquet hall.

"Inspector Gregson has been asking for you, sir," said the butler, helping us off with our wraps.

We hurried towards the light. Gregson, with a look of deep agitation, was pacing up and down beside the table. He glanced at the now-empty chair beyond the great cup.

"Thank God you've come, Mr Holmes!" he burst out. "Sir Reginald was telling the truth. I didn't believe it, but he is innocent. Barrett has dug up two farmers who met him walking in the river at 10.30 yesterday morning. Why couldn't he have said he met them?"

There was a singular light in Holmes's eyes as he looked at Gregson.

"There are such men," he said.

"What you know this all the time?"

"I did not know of the witnesses, no. But I hoped that you would find a witness, since for other reasons I was convinced of his innocence."

"Then we're back where we started!"

"Hardly that. Had you thought, Gregson, of recon-structing this crime after the French fashion?"

"How do you mean?"

Holmes moved to the end of the table, which still bore the marks of the recent tragedy.

"Let us suppose that I am Colonel Darcy, a tall man, standing here at the head of the table. I am about to drink with someone, who means to stab me."

'No!' Shouted Holmes 'Not Another Inch!'

By ADRIAN CONAN DOYLE and JOHN DICKSON CARR

I pick up the cup like this, and with both hands I lift it to my mouth. Sol Gregson, we will suppose that you are the murderer. Stab me in the throat! "What the devil do you mean?"

"Grasp an imaginary dagger in your right hand. That's it! Don't hesitate, man; stab me in the throat!"

Gregson, as though half-hypnotized, took a step forward with his hand raised, and stopped.

"Why not?"

"The direction of the Colonel's wound was straight upwards through the throat. Nobody could strike upwards from underneath across the breadth of the table. It's impossible."

"My friend, who had been standing with his head back and the heavy cup lifted to his lips by both hands, now straightened up and offered it to the Scotland Yard man.

"Good!" said he. "Now, Gregson, imagine that you are Colonel Darcy. I am the murderer. Take my place, and lift the heavy cup."

"Very well. What next?"

"Do exactly what I did. But don't put the cup to your lips. That's it, Gregson; that's it! Mark well what I say: don't put it to your lips."

The light flashed back from the great drinking-vessel as it tilted.

"No, man, no!" shouted Holmes suddenly. "Not another inch, if you value your life!"

Even as he spoke, there came a click and a metallic slither. A thin, sharp blade shot from the lower edge of the cup with the speed of a striking snake.

Had Gregson been drinking from the Luck of Lavington, the blade would have pierced upwards through his throat. He sprang back with an oath, while the vessel, falling from his hands, crashed and jangled across the floor.

"My God!" I cried.

"My God!" echoed a voice which struck across my own. Sir Reginald Lavington, his dark features now livid, was standing behind us with one hand partly raised as though to ward off a blow. Then, with a groan, he buried his face in his hands. We stared at each other in horror-struck silence.

"If you hadn't warned me, the blade would have been through my throat," said Gregson in a shaking voice.

"Our ancestors had a neat way of eliminating their enemies," observed Holmes, lifting the heavy cup and once more examining it closely. "With such a toy in the house, it is a dangerous thing for a guest to drink in his host's absence."

"Then this was only an appalling accident!" I exclaimed. "Darcy was the innocent victim of a trap fashioned four centuries ago!"

"Observe the cunning of this mechanism, very much as I suspected yesterday afternoon."

"Mr Holmes," burst out the baronet. "I have never asked favour of any man in my life."

"Perhaps it would be as well, Sir Reginald, if you left the explanation to me," interrupted Holmes quietly. "His long thin fingers moving over the chased surface of the cup. The blade cannot strike unless the cup be lifted fully to the lips when the full pressure of both hands is exerted on the handles. Then the handles themselves act as triggers for the spring-mechanism, to which the old blade is attached. You will perceive the minute slot just below the circle of jewels and cleverly disguised by the carving."

There was awe in Gregson's face as he gazed down at the ancient vessel.

"Then you mean," he stated solemnly, "that the person who drinks from the Luck of Lavington is a dead man?"

"By no means. I would draw your attention to the small silver owl-figures on the crest of the handles. If you look closely, you will see that the right-hand one turns on a pivot. I believe this to act in the same way as a safety-catch on a rifle. Unfortunately, these old mechanisms are apt to become unreliable with the passage of the centuries."

Gregson whistled.

"It was an accident, right enough!" he stated. "Your reference to a mischance, Sir Reginald, has proved to be a lucky shot in the dark. I suspected it all the time. But one moment. Why didn't we see the blade when we first saw the cup?"

"Let us suppose, Gregson," replied Holmes, "that there is some form of recoil-spring."

"But surely, Holmes," I cried, "there could be no such thing."

"As you were about to say, Watson, there was no such description of the cup as I had hoped to find in the Maldstone County Registry. However, it did yield me the interesting document I read you."

"Well, well, Mr Holmes, you can give me the historic details later," said Gregson, turning to the baronet. "In regard to this affair, Sir Reginald, you can think yourself lucky that there are some sharp men hereabouts. Your possession of this dangerous relic might have caused a serious miscarriage of justice. Either you must have the mechanism removed, or entrust it to Scotland Yard."

Sir Reginald Lavington, who had been biting his lip as though to suppress some overwhelming emotion, looked dazedly from Holmes to Gregson.

"Right willingly," he said at length. "But the Luck of Lavington has been in our family for over four hundred years. If it passes through this door, then I feel it should go to Mr Sherlock Holmes."

Holmes's eyes met those of the baronet.

"I will accept it as a memento of a very gallant man," said he. As Holmes and I made our way up the steep lane in the wind-swept darkness, we turned at the brow of the hill and looked down on the old manor-house with its lights dimly reflected in the moat.

"I do feel, Holmes," said I, somewhat nettled, "that you owe me an explanation. When I tried to point to you an error in your case, you indicated plainly that you wished me to speak no further."

"What error, Watson?"

"Your explanation of how the cup worked. By the release of a powerful spring from a trigger controlled by the handles, it would have been quite easy to make the blade strike. But to push it back again, unless this were done by hand so that the blade could be caught again in the mechanism, that, my dear fellow, is quite a different thing."

For a moment Holmes did not reply. He stood gaunt and lonely, his gaze fixed on the ancient tower of Lavington.

"Surely it was apparent from the first," said he, "that no living murderer could have stabbed Darcy, and that something was wrong with the appearance of the crime as we saw it?"

"You deduced this from the direction of the wounds?"

"That, yes. But there were other facts equally indicative."

"Your behaviour suggested as much at the time. Yet I cannot see what facts."

"The scratches on the table, Watson. And the wine spilled on both table and floor."

"Pray be good enough to explain."

"Colonel Darcy's finger-nails," replied Holmes, "clawed at the table-top in his death-throes and all the wine had been spilled. You remarked that?"

Good. Taking as a working hypothesis the theory that he was killed by a blade in the cup, what must follow? The blade would strike. Then—"

Then the cup would fall, spilling the wine. I grant that. But is it reasonable that the cup, in falling, should land upright on the table—as we found it? This was overwhelmingly unlikely. Further evidence made it impossible. I lifted the cup, if you recall, when I first examined it. Underneath it, covered by it, you saw—"

"Scratches," I interrupted. "Scratches, and spilled wine."

"Precisely. Darcy would die soon, but not instantly. If the cup fell from his hands, as we assume that it hung suspended in the air, and afterwards descended over the scratches and the wine? No, Watson. There was, as you pointed out, no recoil mechanism."

Darcy died, some living hand picked up the cup from the floor. Some living hand pushed back the blade into the cup and set it upright on the table."

A gust of rain blew out of the dreary sky, but my companion remained motionless.

"Holmes," said I, "according to the butler—"

"According to the butler? Yes?"

"Sir Reginald Lavington was drinking with the Colonel. At least, Darcy is reported to have said so."

"And, as he said so," commented Holmes, "gave so curious a laugh that Gillingham could not forget it. Had the laugh an ulterior meaning, Watson? But I had better say no more. Let me make you an accession after the fact like myself."

"You do me less than justice, Holmes. Should I become accessory after the fact in a good cause?"

"In my judgment," said Sherlock Holmes, "one of the best of causes."

"Then you may rely on my silence."

"Be it so, Watson! Now consider the behaviour of Sir Reginald Lavington. For an innocent man he acted very strangely."

"You mean that Sir Reginald—"

"Pray don't interrupt. Though he had witnessed that he had not been drinking with Darcy, he would not produce them. He preferred to be arrested. Why should Darcy, a man of such different character from his host, pay frequent visits to this house? What was Darcy doing there? Interpret the meaning of Lavington's statement, 'I know his character now!' We saw the answers to these questions played out in deadly pantomime. To me it suggested the blackest of all crimes: blackmail."

"Sir Reginald," he exclaimed, "was guilty after all. He was—"



He sprang back with an oath while the vessel fell from his hands.

a dangerous man, as I remarked—"

"A dangerous man, yes," agreed Holmes. "But you have seen his character. He might kill. But he would not kill and conceal."

"Conceal what?"

"Reflect again, Watson. Though we know that he was not drinking with Darcy in the banquet hall, he might have returned from the river just in time to find Darcy dead. That was when he thrust the blade back into the cup, and set it upright again. But guilt? No. His behaviour, his willingness to be arrested, can be understood only if he had been shielding someone else."

I followed my friend's gaze, which had never moved from the direction of Lavington Court.

"Holmes," I cried, "then who set that diabolical mechanism?"

"Think, Watson! Who was the only person who uttered that one word 'jealousy'?"

Let us suppose a woman has erred before her marriage, but never after it. Let us suppose, moreover, that she believes her husband, a man of the old school, would not understand. She is at the mercy of that most vicious of all parasites, a society blackmailer. She is present when the blackmailer drinks a toast—by his own choice—from the Luck of Lavington. But, since she is obliged to slip away at the entrance of the butler, the blackmailer laughed and lied. Say no more, Watson. Let the past sleep."

As you wish. I am silent.

"It is a cardinal error, my dear fellow, to theorize without data. And yet, when we first entered Lavington Court yesterday evening, I had a glimpse of the truth."

"But what did you see?"

As we turned away towards our inn and the comforting light of a fire Sherlock Holmes nodded over his shoulder.

"I saw a pale, beautiful woman descend a staircase, once I had seen her on the stage. Have you forgotten another ancient manor, and a hostess named Lady Macbeth?"

THE END

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A NEW SHERLOCK HOLMES STORY STARTS ON SATURDAY

WHAT MAKES AN ATOM BOMB

BEHIND CLOAK OF SECRECY

Part Four Of An Important Report by

GORDON DEAN

Chairman, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, 1950-53

IT is hard to imagine uranium, one of the heaviest metals in the world, in the form of a gas. Yet it must be made into a gas if it is to be separated. The only gas that can be used in the gaseous-diffusion process is uranium hexafluoride, which is composed of one part of uranium to each six parts of our old corrosive friend, fluorine. To make "hex," as uranium hexafluoride has come to be known throughout the atomic energy programme, the chemist turns to the green salt we left at Fenald when we decided to follow the plutonium route to a bomb.

Let us look for a moment at this product. In making his "hex," the chemist has not only succeeded in producing a material that can be used in the gaseous-diffusion process; he has also produced a material that is nearly as corrosive and as dangerous to handle as either pure fluorine or hydrofluoric acid.

Whereas green salt is a relatively docile compound, this is certainly not true of "hex." It will, like pure fluorine, severely corrode and sometimes ignite many metals and all organic materials if it touches them in the presence of air. And yet this is the material that must be fed into the gaseous-diffusion plants at Oak Ridge, Paducah and Portsmouth.

Moreover, the "hex" must be used in the form of a gas, and yet at room temperature it is actually a solid. To make it into a gas, therefore, its temperature must be raised. This means that while it is in the gaseous-diffusion plant it must be kept relatively hot, a condition which adds to its corrosiveness.

The way in which the problems thus presented were solved comprises one of the most interesting stories in the entire atomic energy programme. Briefly, it consisted of an all-out research effort to find, or develop if need be, a group of plastics, oils and waxes that would be immune to the intense corrosiveness of uranium hexafluoride. Now, if there is any thing in the world that is immune to fluorine, it is quite obviously fluorine itself. It is not surprising, therefore, that this research effort led to the development of a whole series of brand-new materials in which fluorine is one of the main constituents.

These raw materials—called fluorocarbons, because they are combinations of fluorine and carbon—are colourless, odourless, harmless, and chemically stable. One of the most appealing things about them is that they are not only resistant to fluorine, but are also resistant to practically everything else, including heat, fire, water, most acids—and oxygen, the culprit in the atmosphere that causes the fairly rapid deterioration of so many similar substances.

Here is a case, then, where the atomic energy programme has produced, as a by-product, a new series of materials that will inevitably find many important applications in the manufacture of such things as tough, long-wearing plastics, oils, and possibly paints. I know this is a prediction, but it is based on the knowledge that at least one new, valuable use for fluorocarbons has already been found—in the production of plastics for protecting costly metal products from corrosion and for insulating electronic equipment.

Oak Ridge

Now that your uranium, in the form of "hex," is ready for its journey through one of the Atomic Energy Commission's three gaseous-diffusion plants, it is placed in a metal container, specially constructed for safety purposes, and sent, let us say, to Oak Ridge, where the first gaseous-diffusion plant ever built is still in operation. It is operated for the Commission by the Union Carbide and Carbon Company.

Oak Ridge is a busy town of about 35,000 people, nestled in a long, narrow valley, stretching between two moderately high, wooded ridges, in the hills of eastern Tennessee, about 20 miles west of Knoxville. It was built during the war, by the Army Corps of Engineers, and still retains many of the outward features of a typical Army post—roominess, low-lying frame buildings, and here and there a barracks-like dormitory.

It is an open city. Visitors may drive into it, stop in its stores, visit its homes, and browse through its principal public shopping places, the American Museum of Atomic Energy, and the plants and laboratories.

which lie in three widely separated valleys away from the town, are out of bounds to the average visitor.

It is out into one of these valleys, past the sign that reads: "Prohibited Area," that your uranium now must go, there to begin its long, tortuous journey through the gaseous-diffusion plant.

If you have never seen a gaseous-diffusion plant, there are no words that will prepare you for such an experience. Your first impression, as you view it from afar, is one of sheer size.

Solid Maze

But if the impression you receive "from afar" is one of sheer size, the impression a close-up view gives you is one of sheer complexity. If you were to walk into one of the many doors of the main building, doors large enough for a heavy truck to drive through—you would find around you almost a solid maze of pipes, wires and instruments.

It is impossible to describe the intricacy of this equipment, but it is possible to convey a feeling for its bulk. For instance, just for the two most recent additions to the plant, not including the main original building, the copper tubing and other pipe material required would extend in a line from Washington, D.C., to Hartford, Connecticut; enough electrical wiring was used to stretch a telephone cable from Jacksonville, Florida to Boston; and the building siding needed would enclose nearly 200 six-room houses.

When your pound of uranium, in the form of "hex," arrives at Oak Ridge, it is into this remarkable system that it is placed. It goes into one of the many compartments as a hot gas, and from there it is cooled and recycled through thousands of other compartments and past thousands of barriers until part of it can be drawn off as gas containing virtually pure uranium-235.

Bit By Bit

This is the way it works: Your "hex" has been inserted into the plant, and after about half of it has passed through the first barrier into the next, forward compartment, the remaining half—slightly depleted in "235"—is drawn off and sent backward to a compartment at a lower stage in the chain. This must be done by halves, because if all or too much of the gas in the first compartment were permitted to pass forward to the next stage, the proportion of "235" in the succeeding stage would not increase. The whole purpose of the plant, of course, is to increase that proportion bit by bit.

This backward-forward movement is repeated at each of the thousands of stages in the plant, with each molecule of the "235" gas inching its way gradually through the plant, and each molecule of "238" gradually inching its way backward. The net forward movement is so slight that it takes even the "speediest" molecule many months to pass through the entire plant, and the volume of gas at the lowest stage is more than 100,000 times greater than it is at the uppermost where the uranium-235 "cream" is taken off.

Critical Mass

Once out of the plant, the "hex" that is now highly enriched by uranium-235 goes again to the indispensable chemist, who removes the fluorine, leaving, finally, pure uranium-235 metal. This metal looks exactly like normal natural uranium, and, as a matter of fact, it is exactly like normal natural uranium, except for two interesting differences—it is ever so slightly lighter, and it will, if brought together into a "critical mass," explode like an atomic bomb.

As with plutonium, the amount of uranium-235 that has emerged from your original lot of ore is but a fraction of an ounce. And, also, as with plutonium, this product goes from Oak Ridge deep behind the cloak of secrecy to the places where it is machined and finally stored in atomic bombs.

You will recall that when we determined so slowly that uranium-235 is even better, for only half of it will be gone in four million years. Like plutonium, then, it is, so far as we are concerned, a stable, permanent material of immense value for use in atomic weapons, but also explosive in its own right, if it needs never be used.

As with plutonium, as well as uranium-235, the material is used for atomic power plants.

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HEART THROB ALLEY

By JACK SENN

London. The Ordnance Survey man, it is just plain Denmark Street. But this shabby lane behind London's Charing Cross Road is the capital of "Moon, Joon, Toon Land." It is Tin Pan Alley, clearing house for half the world's "popular" music.

Here, the cafe signboards and gargantuan musical notes. The air jangles with searching piano chords as tomorrow's hit parade is born.

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And there's little romance in the Alley for the ordinary "hack" who markets his wares there. If a song looks a likely winner, the publisher pays him a "consideration" fee of about £15, then tries to plug it to top-line bands and crooners.

Should the number "click" the publisher concludes a contract with the writer, ensuring that both get their dues from its publication and performance.

But if no one is interested, the writer heaves his effort into the wastebasket and starts again. The publisher kisses his £15 "goodbye."

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fore it reached the ears of an American publisher who decided to buy it.

His lyric writer called it "Until." But there were so many songs called "Until" that the public all but ignored it.

The American publisher re-exported it to Tin Pan Alley's Maurice Publications, where an Oxford-educated lyric writer dubbed it "To Be Or Not To Be."

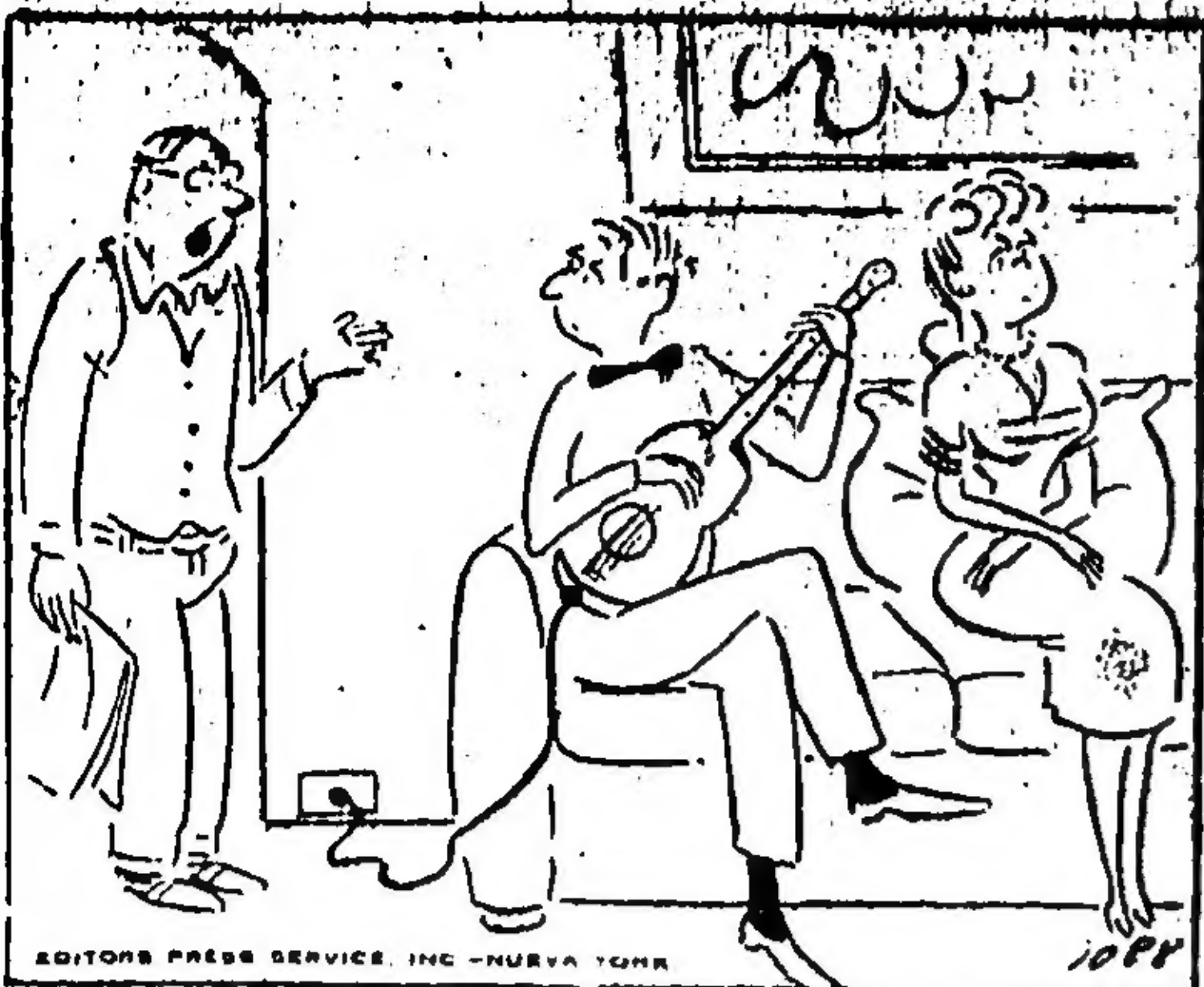
Today it bids fair for inclusion in the hit parade.

HYMN L'AMOUR

Now and again a genuine heart-cry hits the juke box public via the Alley. Such a story started in France's big-time boxing rings.

When Marcel Cerdan, brilliant French middleweight, died in a plane crash, a heart-broken girl friend put her grief to music.

And "Hymn L'Am



"Look. It's bad enough that I have to listen to it, but do I have to pay for it too?"

• BY THE WAY • by Beachcomber

C SUE, Esq., explained yesterday that prices which appear to be rising are actually falling.

"The reason for this widespread delusion," said Sue, "is that when individuals find that they have to pay more for a given article, they assume that the price of that article has risen. They take no account of the overall situation, and as all the statistics of the cost-of-living index are not at their immediate disposal they use their own judgment without taking account of the facts. The latest rise in the price of tea, for instance, is merely relative. It is a temporary and partial readjustment made to balance supply and demand."

For your anthology

the turning wheel of the world, from the dying vision of the prophet, to the maelstrom of shattered stars.

For catastrophe, a dust of ravens, a prophetic vision, the dark midnight, the star in the pocket of the sky, the star that the iron door of truth, and the star.

Cocklecarrot's ruling

ASKED point-blank whether it is a criminal offence for a District Attorney to give a bribe to a boy under ten, an exchange for a matter of weeks, Mr. Justice Cocklecarrot said that

whereas the tortoise was an animal, the packet of needles was not, and that therefore, the District Attorney should have applied for a permit to make the exchange with a boy under ten, and for a period not exceeding three and a half calendar months, unless the tortoise dies at any time between the fifth and ninth weeks after the exchange, in which case the needles would have to be returned to the boy pending a decision.

The revolving hat

DEAR Sir,

The human head was obviously not intended to support a moving hat, but it might be an amusing idea to put a hat on a revolving motor. On still days it would look like a windmill or weather-vane. On windy days it would fulfil the purpose of indicating the direction of the wind and adding interest to the roof-tops. The hat would have to be tightly attached to the chimney-pot or stack, to prevent it from blowing away. To give realism, the outline of a man's head might be painted on the stack. I suggested this in a long letter to the Times Correspondence Board, but received no reply.

Yours truly,
(Mrs) Genevieve
Whitlock-Whistler

Tail-piece

HERE is the latest addition to my collection of genuine localities. Cocklecarrot's Women Flock to Her Garage.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

BORN today, you are one of those people who are not at all happy when the birthday comes. You know that it is only a day and can get over it, but you are bidding with a sad face. A simple request is usually enough to get everyone around you jumping. Your natural gift and adaptability make it easy for you to create a party. You are one of those who can stride the fence when it comes to a matter of opinion and nobody knows exactly where you stand until the time for direct action. You have a practical streak which makes it easy for you to get a full dollar's worth for every cent you spend. Yet, you manage it without appearing to be pinching pennies. You

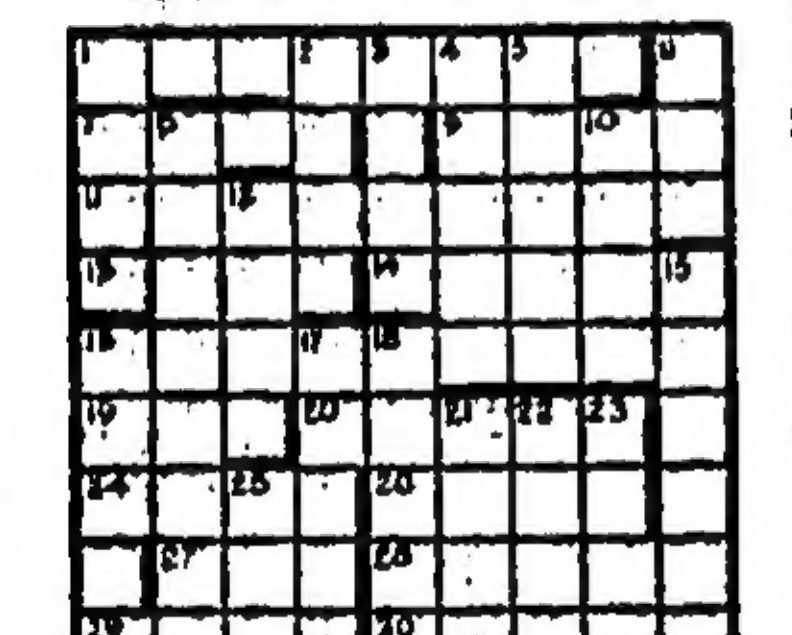
have a good chance of accumulating a fortune during your lifetime. You are really in need of a little bit of patience with an indignant bidder. When it comes to selecting a life partner, find someone whose temperament is opposite to yours, and whose culture and intellectual interests are similar. Someone born on the same day as you would make a most suitable mate. You will always hold a keen interest in the lives of others, especially literature, and should develop considerable creative talent in these fields, as well as in the arts. To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday paragraph, for every cent you spend. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

DISPERSE (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) - Minor decisions today should turn out to be very important in the near future. Consider everything wisely.

ATRIEN (Mar. 21-Apr. 21) - Too much haste can cause trouble.

CROSSWORD



- Across**
1. You sometimes see it running through the rock. (5)
 2. The candidate who is a bit of a snigger. (4)
 3. Every book has one. (3)
 4. Oil mud is hazardous. (5)
 5. A kind of an animal sort of way. (6)
 6. Most of a lament. (4)
 7. Fear for the future. (4)
 8. Sterns come in. (6)
 9. Olympic ones are looked for. (4)
 10. It isn't like the pole-it is. (4)
 11. It is not pleasant to be left in. (4)
 12. One of two cities. (4)
 13. Lining happily, then after is. (4)
 14. About a small argument. (4)
 15. Pinned, you say, if you're all at this. (8)
- Down**
1. Put yours into the job, and. (4)
 2. The candidate who is a bit of a snigger. (4)
 3. Every book has one. (3)
 4. Oil mud is hazardous. (5)
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DUMB-BELLS



WHAT'S HIS LINE?
SAN BRED

Remember the letters up with the crossword puzzle.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Tournament Player Need Not Be Upset

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| ♥ | 32 | | |
| ♦ | 1007 | | |
| ♣ | | | |
| EAST | | | |
| ♠ | Q1084 | | |
| ♥ | J1094 | | |
| ♦ | Q65 | | |
| ♣ | | | |
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| ♦ | K865 | | |
| ♣ | 3 | | |
| Neither side vul. | | | |
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| 4 | Pass | 4 | N.T. |
| 5 | Pass | 5 | Pass |
| 6 | Pass | 6 | Pass |
| 7 | Pass | 7 | Pass |
| 8 | Pass | 8 | Pass |
| 9 | Pass | 9 | Pass |
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| 19 | Pass | 19 | Pass |
| 20 | Pass | 20 | Pass |

By OSWALD JACOBY

ONE of the nice things about playing tournament bridge is that you don't need to get upset over a hand that breaks very badly. The hand will be played at many other tables, and everybody will encounter the same bad breaks. You are therefore no worse off than anybody else.

Suppose you played today's hand at a rubber bridge. You would win the opening club lead in dummy, cash the ace of spades, and then lead a low diamond to your king in order to draw some more trumps.

You would be a very unhappy bidder when you discovered the 5-1 trump break. It takes as bad a break as this to beat you, and the odds are 5 to 1 against getting that bad trump break.

When the hand was actually played in last year's New Orleans tournament, it was bid to all sorts of stunts in spades, diamonds, and no-trump. The bidding shown with the hand was that of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Burden, of New Orleans. They were disappointed at the bad trump break, to be sure, but they got a very good score for being minus only 50 points on so troublesome a hand.

Most of the other North-South pairs were down two tricks at six no-trump, or badly set at contract. In one or two cases, West doubled a final contract of six spades. All such contracts led to a deficit of more than 50 points on the North-South cards.

The contract of six spades, if you consider only the North-South hands, is best. It will succeed if the spades are no worse than 4-2, whereas six no-trump needs a 3-3 break in either spades or diamonds.

An interesting point in the bidding is the response of five clubs to the Blackwood bid of four no-trump. In expert circles, the response of five clubs is used to show either no ace at all or four aces. If your partner can't tell which is the case, he shouldn't be allowed to use the Blackwood Convention.

CARD SENSE

Q-The bidding has been:

North East South West
1 Heart Pass 1 Spade Pass
2 Hearts Pass ?

A-You, South, hold: Spades A-K-J-10-9-8-7, Hearts 5-3, Diamonds K-Q-6, Club 8. What do you do?

A-Bid four spades. This jump to game shows a suit that needs no support at all, in a hand that is strong enough to justify a game contract. If North has his strength mostly in the form of aces he will think of a slam; otherwise he will pass.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades K-Q-8-7-2, Hearts 5-3, Diamonds A-Q-J-6, Clubs J-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CHESS PROBLEM

By L. LARSEN
Black, 12 pieces.



White, 8 pieces.
White to play; mate in two.
Solution: 16. Yesterday's problem.

WOMANSENSE

A "Chameleon" Bag



A fashion idea which is a boon to the accessory-conscious woman, is this "chameleon" handbag, with detachable covers. The bag enables a woman to have a bag to match every outfit, and still only use one handbag, by the use of these interchangeable covers.—Express Photo.

INFLUENCE OF PARIS DRESS SHOWS ON US

By EILEEN ASCROFT

NOW that the frills and frumpieries are over, what emerges from the Paris fashion shows for us?

Dior has produced his sailor girl, Fath his whale-boned suits, and Balenciaga his loose, low waist.

And at last we have time to assess how all these new trends and ideas will affect the clothes we shall buy.

DIOR STILL DICTATES

If you're a fashion-follower you'll be a naval girl this spring. For Dior is still the current fashion dictator of Paris. And he decrees navy blue, a sailor collar and a boater.

You'll move freely again too, because skirts are loosely pleated, and heels have lost the ridiculous high spindly shape of last season.

How else will Paris influence your spring shopping?

You must buy a floral print—the prettiest, most colourful dresses in years.

And, whether you like it or not, the shorter hemline has now been generally accepted. Every designer in Paris who matters showed shorter skirts.

If you're seeking a new spring coat, remember to look for a fitted line without much fullness. Navy, with a white chalk stripe, is smart; and flannel and fine serge are right back in favour.

For a cocktail coat to cover a plain silk dress, do think of a

bright venture into floral printed shantung.

When choosing your spring hat, look for something large and the less trimming it has the smarter it will be. If you are under 25 you'll be able to wear Dior's maitrelet caps or artists' berets.

And a fashion to save husbands a lot of money: this summer... pearls and diamonds are no longer chic. The elegant woman will be wearing beads of chalk-white porcelain, coloured glass or quartz.

Accessories that will soon be seen in London (I hope) are tiny chignon evening caps of velvet ribbon and flowers, wrist-length drawstring pastel kid gloves; satin slippers with

very low Louis XIV shoes and small fans in black and white silk.

SQUARE BROLLIES

One thing that will NOT be seen in the gay French umbrella. You can find square brollies in America and amusing horseshoe handles with real bristle manes in Paris that act as tiny clothes brushes.

But the answer from British umbrella manufacturers is always the same: "There's no bulk sale for novelties."

Thank goodness the makers of other accessories do not agree with these dismal men who thrive on rainy days.
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Her Dream Kitchen Is L-Shaped

By Ida Bailey Allen

"BEFORE installing this new kitchen, we studied literally dozens of plans," said our hostess, Mrs. Verne Minich. "Then we decided we must make our own plan to fit the needs of our household. Considerable cooking is done as we entertain a great deal, and have many house guests; in addition there are several household employees."

Dinner

Pineapple-Orange Juice
Chicken Paprika Supreme
Noodle Nests
Baby Carrots Stung Bean Salad
Pecan Pie
Coffee Tea Milk

All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve 4 to 6

Chicken Paprika Supreme: Cut cooked chicken in thin slices. To 2 c. add 1 c. sautéed sliced mushrooms. Combine with sauce supreme (see below). Serve in heated fried noodle nests or pour over fried noodles. Garnish with parsley strips.

Sauce Supreme: Measure 3 tbsp. butter or margarine into a double boiler top. Add 3 tbsp. flour and cook together over a low heat until browned. Stir in 1 c. chicken stock; cook and stir until boiling. Then add 3/4 c. whole milk mixed with 2 beaten egg yolks. Season with 1/2 tsp. salt and 1/2 tsp. paprika. Cook 5 min. over boiling water; stir in 1 tsp. lemon juice and 1/4 c. heavy cream.

Pecan Pie: Line a 9-in. pie plate with pie pastry rolled 1/4 in. thick. On the bottom, spread 1 c. coarse-chopped pecan nuts. Pour in the pie filling. Bake 40 min. in a moderate oven, 375° F. Then decorate with whole pecan nuts; bake 5 min. longer. Serve cold.

Pecan Pie Filling: Mix together 1/2 c. granulated sugar, 1 1/2 c. light brown corn syrup, 4 well beaten medium-sized eggs, 1/4 tsp. salt, and 1/4 tsp. vanilla. Serve cold.

Trick of the Chef

To slice beans for salad add thin-sliced onion rings and a light horse-radish. French dressing to moisten.

Household Hints

Soiled and spotted blanket bindings should be given pre-treatment before the blanket is washed. Wash the bindings with a soft brush, warm water and a mild soap or detergent.

For wet-mopping a large floor area, follow these directions. Swing a spongy mop from left to right across the floor, curving strokes at the end so that a figure eight mark is left on the floor. Next mop the floor with clear water, pushing the mop back and forth instead of from side to side as before. If the surface needs to be rubbed dry, use a clean cloth and straight strokes.

Since extreme and sudden changes of temperature will break the glassware, let cold glasses warm to room temperature before washing in hot soapsuds.

If the cover of a car has been changed, the owner should have the car washed and waxed.

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The 414 Pitchers Are Her Real Love

Beaumont, Tex.

Mrs. Myrtle C. Pryor and her daughter, Mrs. Maude Pryor Smith, have one of the nation's most unusual collections.

The two collect pitchers of all shapes, sizes and vintage, and now have a total of 414.

The collection was begun by Mrs. Pryor in 1930 when she was presented a large boulder pitcher of white porcelain.

Mrs. Pryor's prize item is a Rockingham pitcher, a gift, which she believes was made in about 1820. Rockingham ware

first was made on the estate of the Marquis of Rockingham in Swinton, England. It consists mainly of a brown glaze of varying shades and also is called, brown china.

A heavy stoneware jug with a brown top and handle is another of her treasures, also a gift. It was found in the well of an Alabama plantation and is of pre-Civil War origin.

Another favourite is called "end of day." This is an antique opaque glass pitcher with a fluted top. The bottom is the

colour of a rosy sunset, which merges into a lighter colour and finally becomes a bluish white near the top.

The pitchers stand side by side on four tiers of shelves which line the walls of Mrs. Pryor's dining room. Many are from foreign countries—Germany, Japan, England, France and Italy.

Mrs. Pryor also collects rocks, early American pressed glass and plates. But she said, "My pitchers are my real love."

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

General Tin's Flying Carpet

—It Zoomed Through the Air Like a Jet Plane—

By MAX TRELL

"GENERAL TIN," said Knarf, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, to his friend the Tin Soldier, who was standing as usual on guard by the playground door, "do you ever go up in a jet plane?"

At first, General Tin answered: "No sir! I never did."

Quite Long Ago

But the next second, he said: "Well, come to think of it, I did go up in a sort of jet plane. It wasn't exactly the kind of jet plane that flies up in snow-days. All this happened quite long ago. In fact, when it happened I didn't realize that I was going up in a plane at all."

Knarf said he wanted to know more about this, so General Tin consented to tell the whole story of his adventure in what he thought was a jet plane.

"It happened when I was in Arabia,"

"Arabia?" said Knarf. "Where's Arabia?"

"It's quite a long way off," replied General Tin. "If you go East and South in a ship, you'll finally come to a desert. Then if you get on a camel and ride for several weeks, you'll finally come to Arabia. Anyway, there's where I got a great many years ago."

"Why did you go there?" Knarf asked.

"It's a curious thing," General Tin said. "I went to Arabia to buy an Arabian rug."

"A rug?" Knarf exclaimed. "A carpet?"

General Tin nodded. "An Arabian carpet, like a rug, is an ordinary carpet. It's a hand-woven rug, just like the ones you see in the window of a rug store."

beautiful. I wanted an Arabian rug for my parlour, so I went down to Arabia to buy it."

"But what has all this got to do with flying in a jet plane?" Knarf wanted to know.

"I'm coming to that," said General Tin. "So there I was down in Arabia, looking about to buy an Arabian rug. So I went to the Street of Rugs."

"You mean," Knarf said, "a street where they sell rugs?"

"You must understand," said General Tin, "that in Arabia, things are different from what they are here. In Arabia, all the shops of one kind are all on one street. The jewellery stores are all on one street, the furniture shops are all on another street, the chinaware shops are all on a third street and so forth. I walked up and down the Street of Rugs, looking at all the rugs that were for sale. But none of them was good enough, until finally, just as I was about to go home again, a little man came along, carrying a rug over his shoulder. I took one glance at it and knew that this was just the rug I wanted."

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"At first," continued General Tin, "he refused to sell it to me. He said it was a very useful rug, not merely to walk on but also to sit on and lie on. 'With this rug,' the man said, 'you can go wherever you please without camels and without ships.'"

"Well, I finally persuaded him to sell it to me."

"And then what happened?" asked Knarf, growing impatient with eagerness to get to the jet plane part of the story.

Like Floating on Air

"That night," said General Tin, "I took the rug to my room and lay down on it. It was deliciously soft. I remember saying to myself that it felt as though I were floating in the air. And to my astonishment, there I was sailing out of the window on this rug."

"The flying carpet!" Knarf shouted.

"That's what it was," said General Tin. "It zoomed through the air like a jet plane. Over the desert I went, then over the ocean, then back to the city, where I lived. I could see my house from the air. Then it was about to go home again, a little man came along, carrying a rug over his shoulder. I took one glance at it and knew that this was just the rug I wanted."

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France 'B' Side Become France 'A' To Take On The New Zealanders

By J. R. WATKINS

Logical people, the French, despite all we may think about their national sport of "Sacking the Government." Take the way their Rugby selectors set about finding new material for the national side.

Club rugby is subservient to the national fifteen, and every club official is out to help the selectors all they can. Consequently, France always has a shadow fifteen good enough to put into the International Championship if necessary.

No man gets into the French national side—or very rarely—until he has been thoroughly groomed in the "B" team.

When he does finally graduate to big football, he fits into the No. 1 French side as comfortably as a piece into a jig-saw puzzle.

That is why few will recognise any of the names in "A French fifteen" due to meet the All-Blacks at Bordeaux on February 24. "A French fifteen" is merely a point de guerre of the France "B" side.

The only player of any real reputation is full back Antoine Labazuy. As a fly-half, he was capped for France against Scotland earlier this season.

NO JEAN PRAT

There is no Jean Prat with his Bob Scott-like kicking or brother Maurice with his fiery dashes; no Michel Celaya, the 15½ stone discovery vying with "Tiny" White as the greatest forward in the six countries this season.

They are even doing without Georges Dufau. From the base of the scrum, Dufau has exerted more influence on the French international game than any other player—even Jean Prat.

His vision, fighting spirit and generalship mean so much that French crowds are always worrying lest he be hurt—a frequent occurrence because of his willingness to join issue with the forwards.

All these the French are omitting for the sake of an idea

Rugby League Cup Draw

London, Feb. 22. Hunslet beat Salford 20-5 in a first round, second leg Rugby League Cup match today. Salford was thus eliminated on aggregate of 38 to 8.

The draw for the second Cup matches to be played on March 6 is:

Leeds vs. Leigh.
Hull vs. Workington Town.
Oldham vs. Warrington.
Huddersfield vs. St. Helens.
York vs. Doncaster.
Halifax vs. Keighley.
Wigan vs. Bradford Northern.
Hunslet vs. Whitehaven.
Rotherham vs. Wakefield.

Davidsson Wins U.S. Indoor Championship

New York, Feb. 22.

Sven Davidsson of Sweden won the U.S. Indoor Tennis Championship today by defeating Kurt Nielsen of Denmark, 3-6, 6-1, 6-1, 6-4, in an all-Scandinavian final.

The 25-year-old Swedish Champion triumphed in his first attempt at the U.S. Indoor title. It was the first all-foreign final since 1927. For Nielsen, the defeat marked the second straight year in which he was beaten in the final. He lost last year to Art Larsen of San Leandro, California.

Davidsson's victory was not unexpected. He and Nielsen have met about 35 times since they were teenagers, and Nielsen has not been able to whip the big, black-haired Swede since 1951.

Where Davidsson counted on his usual game—the power attack and volley—Nielsen sought to disrupt him with angled drives from the baseline. Many of the Dane's returns were soft balls and for a time he had Davidsson baffled.

However, in the second set, Davidsson took command for good. Nielsen's temperament also was a factor. He became annoyed when penalized for repeated foot faults and indulged in some obvious sulking.

DOUBLES FINAL
Tony Trabert of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Billy Talbot of New York won the doubles crown by beating Art Larsen and Burke Felsky, 6-4, 13-11, 8-0.

Easy Victory For English Junior Player

Manila, Feb. 23.

England's No. 3 junior tennis player, Michael Davies, yesterday beat Johnny Hicks of the American School by a score of 6-2 and 6-1 to advance into the second round of the Philippine Invitational Junior Tennis Tournament which got underway on the same day.

Making his debut this afternoon is France's Junior Champion, Jean Noel Grinda, who will play against Philippines' A. Regallado.

Davies will also make his second appearance today against Philippines' Mike Dango and, like Grinda, he is heavily favoured to triumph.

Philippines' Junior Champion Johnny Jose, too, is scheduled to make his debut today against Jaime Mangahas.

After their singles matches today, Grinda and Davies will team up to play against the Filipino pair, Willie Hernandez Jr. and J. Cruz in the doubles contest.—France-Press.

OPEN BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

Hongkong's top-ranking tournament bridge players will meet today at 8.30 p.m. at the Jewish Recreation Club in the Qualifying Round of the Hongkong Open Bridge Association. The tournament is a championship for the International Film Shield.

LOOKING AT SPORT WHERE PIRIE IS CONCERNED, THE EUROPEAN GAMES MUST SURELY COME FIRST

Says DENNIS HART

A recent nation-wide poll elected Gordon Pirie as Britain's "Athlete of the Year" for 1953. A similar vote in 12 months' time may well name him the "Sensation of the Year" for 1954.

It's only seven weeks since January 1, but already "galloping" Gordon has been the centre of three controversies. First came the announcement that he intended to settle in America (antagonistic reception); next, that he would give up bank clerking to sell paint (good luck to him); now, his decision not to compete in next August's Empire Games at Vancouver (more boos).

Isn't it about time Pirie was left to his own decision? Gordon himself is the last to cause a sensation. He just knows where he's going and how quickly he wants to get there. Being Britain's athlete of the year, and one who spends more time training than any other sportsman, shouldn't we give him the credit of knowing his own business?

Take this Vancouver affair. Gordon says that long air journeys hurt him. The critics say other athletes are affected the same way. They put up with them—why can't Pirie?

The answer is that he would, were it just a question of running at Vancouver. But three weeks later come the European Championships at Bern. Gordon feels his most faithful admirer. But he's devoting his life to depositing him. This has brought more criticism. Gordon's zeal has been interpreted as unnatural, single-mindedness. It's said he is placing the result above the sport.

Far from it. Pirie runs because he wants to. But he also wants to reach the top. In fact, it's Gordon who's showing the real sportsmanship. Many have pointed out he would be better served to run at Vancouver and meet Zatopek next year. For the Czech, remarkable though he is, is not getting younger. Another year would increase Gordon's chances.

So all praise to the British Champion. He's aiming to prove himself a worthy successor to Zatopek by defeating him at his mightiest, instead of waiting for his decline.

SELECTIONS' PROBLEM

Four weeks will pass before England play another rugby international, and the two to come will be abroad. The Twickenham international season is over. Having played there three times in the last six Saturdays, England now have breathing space, in which

to profit from the experience before they meet Scotland at Murrayfield on March 20. This game will settle the Triple Crown, and much greater interest has been given to it than seemed possible before Scotland's great fight against the All-Blacks.

The engagement with France in Paris on April 10 is expected to decide the International Championship. If the England selectors have any change in mind, it can be only the finding of a more reliable place kicker. England have been falling consistently to take advantage

of all the points to be picked up by goal-kicking. Ian King, deputising for the injured Nim Hall, has performed invaluable service. He's fought gallantly under pressure, found touch cleverly and generally extricated his side from trouble.

But his kicking has been found wanting. If Nim Hall is still unfit by March 20, the selectors must seriously consider whether the possible points saved by King's last-ditch efforts compensate for the possible ones lost by his kicking deficiencies.

—(London Express Service)

FLY EDRICH OUT TO THE WEST INDIES

Says DESMOND HACKETT

Praise be for the England cricket expedition to the West Indies. It enables the traveller from warmer climes at least to get tepid under the collar while those who remain at home positively boil as England stumble lamely through the Tests.

In the steaming tubes, in those incomparably friendly English pubs, and even on the cheerless pieces of land where Soccer is attempted the topic that soars is Edrich... Edrich... Edrich.

One and all insist that Edrich be whisked off to rescue the faltering cricket men of England.

All right, fly Bill Edrich out, fly him this day. But I, along with many other cricket-loving citizens, would wish to know why Bill Edrich was left at home in the first place.

Edrich was quite properly acclaimed one of the heroes of the Coronation Ashes, which was, indeed, a famous victory. Edrich was ready, willing, and able to go to the West Indies.

When he was ignored there were more rumours and wild stories than you could pack into an old wives' tale party.

The whole stupid business should be cleared up by the selectors telling the public—who, after all, make cricket possible—why they sacked Edrich, scourge of the Australians. Amid all the hat words, the least concerned appears to be Bill Edrich. He had no grouches when I spoke to him. He diplomatically juggled with the suggestion that he should do a fly-to-aid-England act.

His comment: "Well, first I had better wait until there is an invitation." But believe me, "Fly out, Bill Edrich, go back to the Test team," and Edrich would be on his way. It would be a nice thought too if Alec Becker, who has tucked away his £12,000 benefit, asked the selectors: "Is there anything I could do to help?"

SAD SHOCK

Having missed my football for a whole month I tore off to cast the respectful gaze upon Ipswich Town, wonder boys of Cup and League. But the change from Cockerell and South Africa to Welles and Southend was a sad shock.

I suddenly realised that over the months the fans become hypnotised into believing that this English Soccer is wonderful. This Ipswich show was terrible.

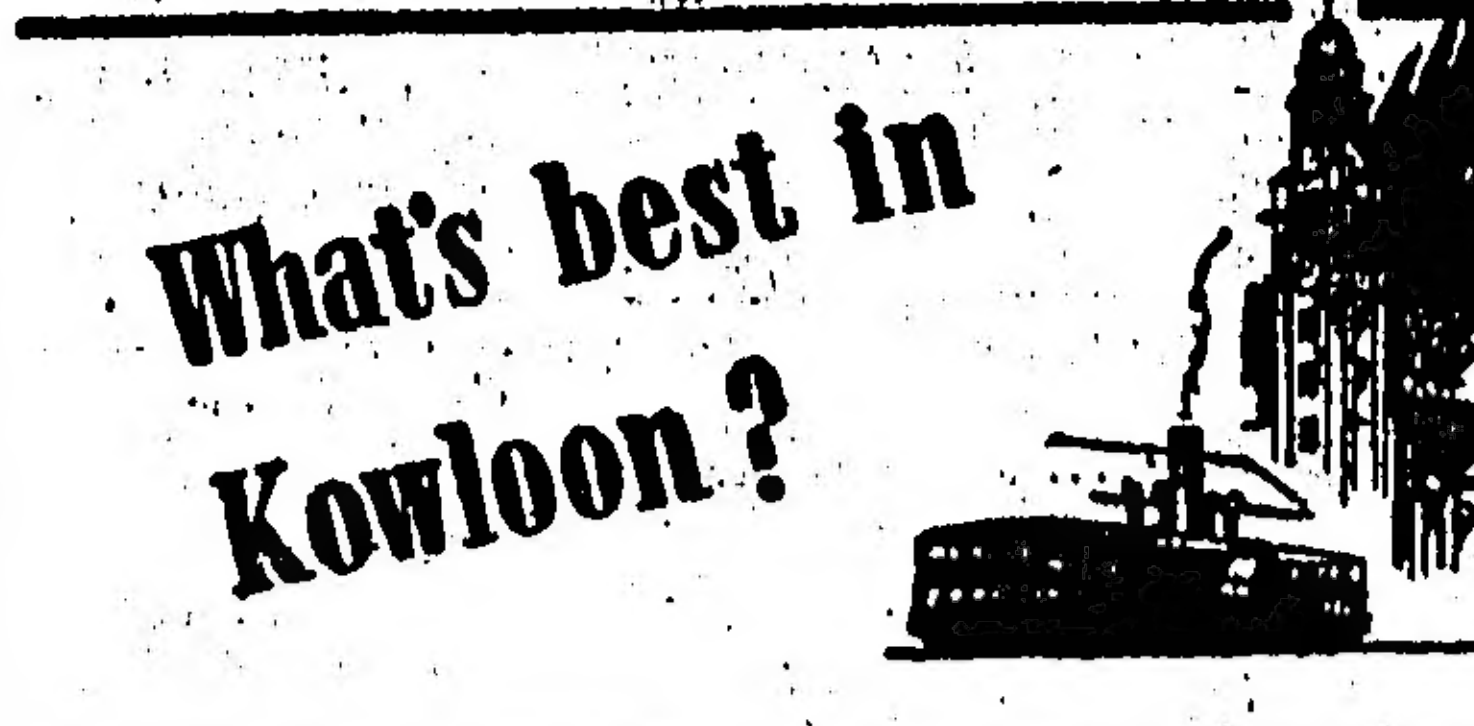
I can see now that all over England the fans in their tens of thousands are becoming so used to clueless football that they fail to notice the slow decline.

And I think the fans are to be blamed. Try for yourself and see. Go to a match in which the team you love and admire has no part.

Just listen to the cash customers. They howl their own players out of any chance of

Sullivan Trophy For Sammy Lee

New York, Feb. 22. Major Sammy Lee, Korean American holder of the Olympic diving record, was awarded today the Sullivan Trophy, presented annually to the amateur sportsman who has achieved the greatest feat in his sport. Lee won the gold medal in the 10m platform diving at the 1948 Olympic Games in London.



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These Scots Could Yet Win That Triple Crown

By ANDREW WEMYSS

(Former Scottish International)

What did the All Blacks say after that thrilling game at Murrayfield—one of the most stirring and exciting ever played there? They all agreed that the Scottish pack was the best they had met in their four international matches.

Some of them thought that at the end, when Laurie Haig worked that blind-side bluff with Maurice Dixon, the vice-captain did just manage to get the ball on the line. But they were very pleased to have got away with a win, even by such a narrow margin at 3-0.

High praise indeed from such redoubtable opponents. And it should make us stick out our chests a bit more than we did as we watched the amazing display of courage and determination given by Douglas Elliot and his team.

NO WONDER
No wonder the selectors announced so quickly after the game that the same Scottish team would meet Ireland at Belfast on February 27.

After what happened when we trounced a powerful Welsh team three years ago, and felt we had found a side who would uphold Scotland's then waning international prestige, I am just a little wary about being too optimistic. We all recall too well how an Irish team who played one short after 15 minutes, dashed our hopes then.

But on their form against the All Blacks, it is not too much to state that this Scottish team could yet win the Triple Crown. Even if they do not, however, they will have shown that we have not seen a Scottish victory for so long and clearly showed

that we will soon regain our former proud position among the other countries. What a great game those forwards of ours played! They responded so well to Elliot's inspiring leadership that they showed the understanding and cohesion we expect only from a well-drilled overseas pack. The All Blacks admitted it was the first time they had been more than held at the line-out.

And one thing which must have pleased the SRU and particularly President Malcolm Allan was the complete justification for the return to the 3-2-3 scrumage formation. A FAIR TEST
Often during the game Elliot moved up to make at 3-3-2, as was often done in the old days. This, however, was a fair test of 3-2-3 against 3-4-1.

It proved as so many have known for so long, that a pack using the old, but still best, all-purpose formation and scrumage was the only way to the better. The old formation and scrumage was the only way to the better. The old formation and scrumage was the only way to the better.

Scotland were giving away at least five stones—and yet held their own against 3-4-1, even when opposed to such experts as Bob Stuart's forwards.

How splendidly the backs, like the forwards, rose to the occasion and especially the three new caps. Lachlan MacLachlan and Graham Ross almost looked like a club pair, although I don't think they met until this game.

EXCELLENT JUDGMENT

Ross showed excellent judgment in everything he did, and the valiant attempts he and his comrades made to breach the now famous "New Zealand" "Iron curtain," against combined attack might have succeeded against less resolute defenders.

Kim Elgie, with far less experience than the others, made a most promising international debut.

He is obviously, as I have always maintained since I first met him back in October 1950, a natural centre of the game. The other backs, and especially John Marshall, were not so good.

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UK Merchant Fleet Is Meeting Stiff Competition

London, Feb. 22.

British shipowners said today that Britain's merchant fleet was meeting intensified competition from ex-enemy nations, who have made "an impressive re-entry into the sea routes."

The warning was given in the annual report of the Chamber of Shipping of the United Kingdom, which said the merchant fleets of Germany had expanded since the war with remarkable speed.

In 1949 competition from ex-enemy maritime countries was just beginning to be felt. Four years later, German tonnage increased to 1,750,000 tons gross; in the same period Japanese shipping reached 2,250,000 tons gross.

The report declared: "In ship-building the expansion in each country has been equally significant; so too has been the extent which shipbuilders in both countries have received financial aid from their governments."

During the war the Japanese ocean-going fleet was almost entirely destroyed. Japan concentrated after the war on building liners in preference to tramp tonnage.

She had already acquired "an ocean fleet of the former type of ship very nearly equal to her pre-war fleet." Her estimated 1953 output of 625,000 tons made her second only to Britain.—Reuter.

Weather Research

Canberra, Feb. 22.

Royal Air Force jet bombers and Hastings transports are to fly to Australia to assist the R.A.F. in research in high-altitude weather conditions. It was announced here today.

The Air Minister, Mr. William McMahon, said the R.A.F. planes would be based in Australia for some time.

The announcement followed last week's official statement that Australia was selecting special teams of scientists to work with the British and Australian services at the Woomera rocket range.—France-Press.

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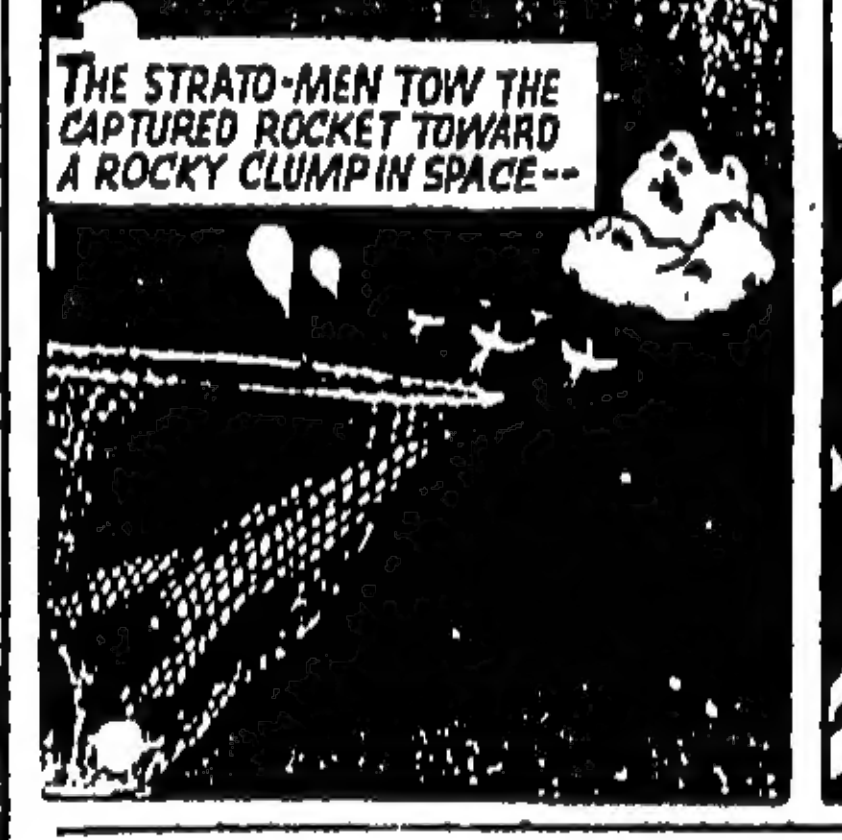
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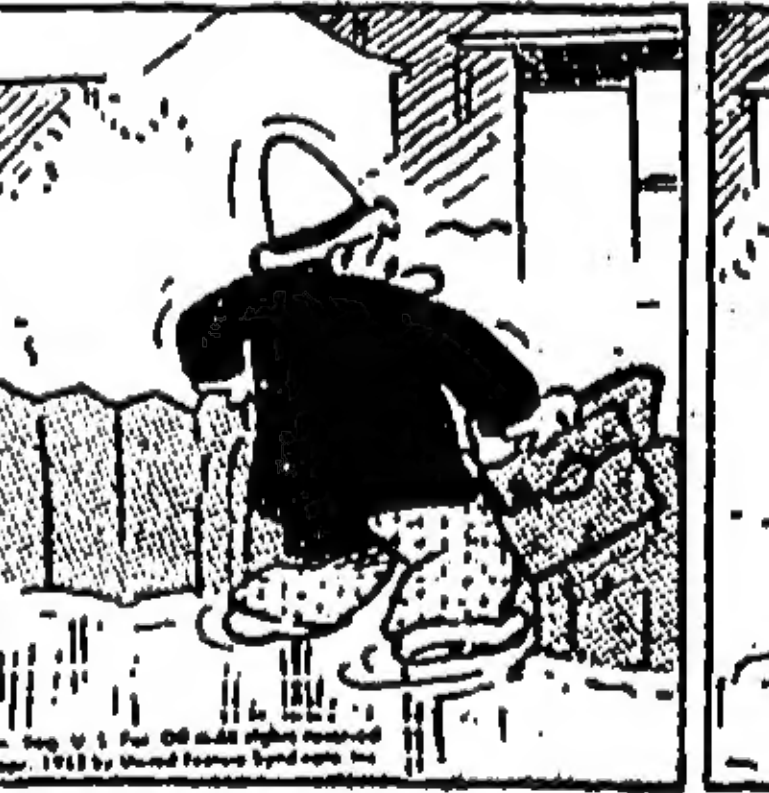
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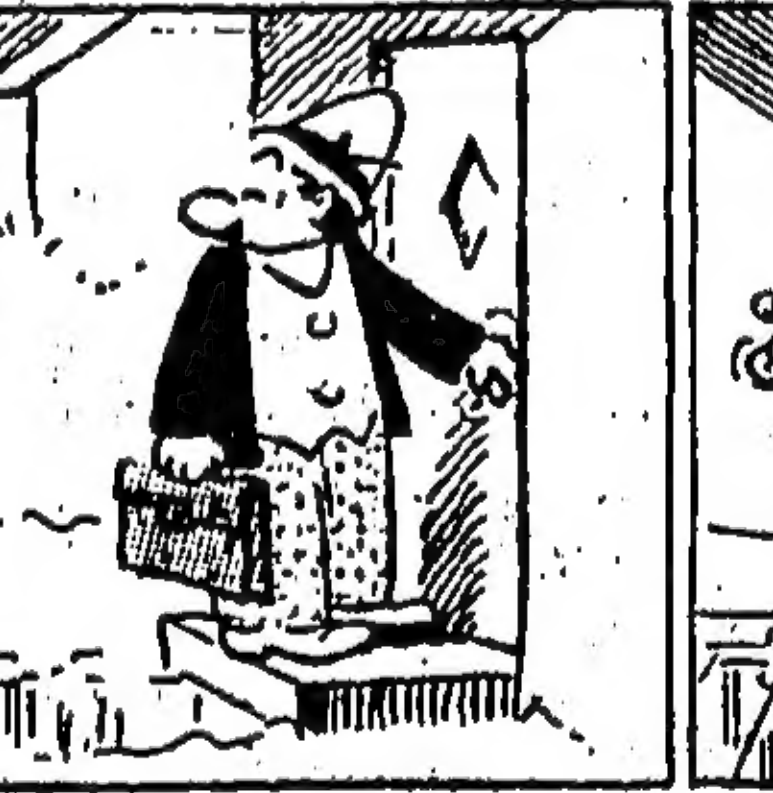
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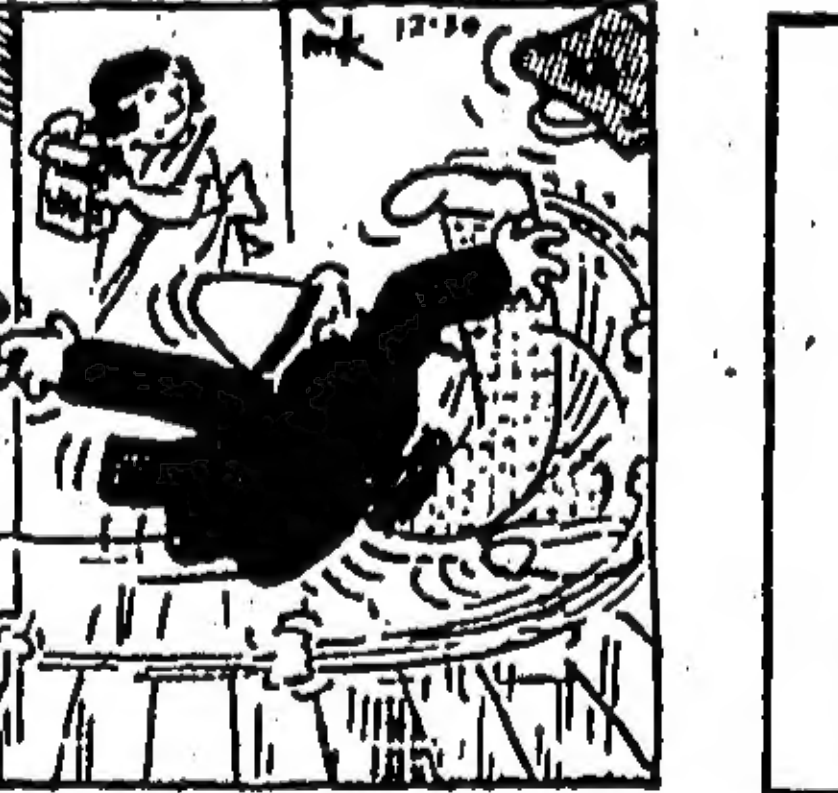
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By Frank Robbins



Japan's Exports Lowest For Three Years

Tokyo, Feb. 22.

Japanese exports dropped to their lowest level for three years in January as the Ministry of International Trade and Industry announced last week, valuations of only \$81,445,000 to start off 1954.

This amount was the lowest since January, 1951, when \$80,000,000 was recorded.

Validations for open account nations amounted to \$34,701,000 (41 per cent lower than last December), those for the dollar area \$24,081,000 (41 per cent less) and for the pound area \$22,663,000 (37 per cent less).

The open account trade of Formosa, the Philippines, Korea, Thailand, Indonesia and Brazil showed declines of 19 per cent to 61 per cent below December, 1953.

Total validations for the dollar area registered the smallest monthly figure since January, 1952, when \$23,000,000 was tallied.

In the dollar bloc only Turkey provided a plus sign due to increased barter trade of raw cotton against cotton goods.

In the sterling area Australian purchases of "privatised" iron sheets and other iron and steel goods showed the only increase over December as valuations of \$11 to \$4 per cent were tallied for Singapore, South Africa, Hongkong, India and Burma.

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MALAYA'S EARNINGS FALL IN 1953

Result Of Lower Prices For Rubber And Tin

The continued steady decline in the market prices of Malaya's two principal commodities, rubber and tin, is reflected in the figures of the colony's foreign trade during 1953. This showed an adverse trade balance of £38m. compared with the previous year's deficit of £6m.

The average price of rubber during the year was 1/8d per lb and of tin £731 per ton, compared with 2/4d per lb and £965 per ton respectively in 1952.

Malaya's total foreign trade amounted to £718m., compared with £891m. in the previous year. Imports were valued at £378m., and exports at £340m., against £449m. and £412m. in 1952.

The price of rubber declined steadily from 2 1/2d per lb at the beginning of the year until October, when the price reached 1 1/4d a lb—the lowest since 1950. At the close of the year the price was 1 1/2d per lb.

The total quantity exported in 1953 was 1,441,000 tons, valued at £148m., the lowest of any year since 1946 and 1.55m. lower in value than 1952 exports. Shipments to the United Kingdom worth £33m., again exceeding those to the United States.

Exports to the United States were valued at £32m., and exports to "Other American Account Countries" earned another £2m. in dollars. The decrease in value of exports to dollar countries was £23m.

The price of tin fluctuated from its highest level of £980 per ton in February to £568 in June. At the close of the year the price was £580 per ton.

fall in exports to the U.S. from £75m. in 1952 to £56m. last year. Imports were valued at £10m., against £21m. in the previous year, when the favourable trade balance was £66m.

American Advice

New York, Feb. 21. The world's major tin producers—Bolivia, Indonesia and Malaya—were urged today to cut down voluntarily their output as the most effective remedy for mounting surpluses and possible price declines.

The New York manager for Nathan Trotter & Co., metal brokers, Mr. Russell Clark, said production controls—especially on inefficient producers—offered the best long-range stabilizing force for the industry.

He stressed the importance of production cutbacks at this time in view of the U.S.—largest buyer of the metal—having had already an excess of 38,000 to 40,000 tons of tin over its stockpiling objectives.

Mr. Clark declared that this surplus has acted as a depressive influence on tin prices. The announcement by an American adviser to the recent international tin conference at Geneva confirming the existence of this surplus raised the questions whether the U.S. Government was planning to re-enter the market as a seller and dispose of its surpluses.

SOME ASSURANCES

Commenting on the report that the U.S. and Indonesia were nearing an agreement for the purchase by the U.S. of 10-20,000 tons of tin under the existing three-year pact, Mr. Clark suggested Indonesia should seek "some assurances."

He said Indonesia would be better off "if the 20,000 tons were sold through regular tin market channels at favourable prices. By selling to American without assurances that this tin would not be sold again, Indonesia 'simply will be adding stocks to the overhanging surplus' and in effect defeating its desired purpose of promoting price stability."

Most American tin buyers would oppose the international tin agreement calling for a "buffer stock" of 25,000 tons aimed at stabilising prices between 80 cents and \$1.10 a pound. Opposition to such a buffer plan was expected to be made at the forthcoming industry conference in Washington opening on Feb. 25.

Mr. Clark cited two "important" considerations which made the agreement undesirable for both the U.S. and American consumers.

"If our government is willing to support prices of commodities produced in foreign countries there is no question but that they would be able to withstand demands to do the same for domestic products, particularly lead and zinc," he said.

FREE ENTERPRISE

In addition, he said, the Eisenhower Administration was committed to a programme of promoting free enterprise, citing the Randall Economic Report as opposing international agreements.

"The law of supply and demand should be sufficient," he said, and high cost producers should not be subsidised by the American public."

Mr. Clark anticipated no "pronounced effect" on tin prices and demand in the event of peace in Indo-China and continued cessation of hostilities in Korea.

Commenting on fears that U.S. was heading for a slump, he said that even a five percent drop in American economic activity in 1954 would have little effect on the tin market.

"It is placed the estimated tin consumption this year, some 1.5m. tons, below the 1953 total of 1.44m. tons," he said.

Washington's Anniversary

All Commercial markets and the New York Stock Exchange were closed yesterday for the birthday anniversary of George Washington.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(By Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$305,000. Noon quotations and the morning's dealings:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

HK Bank 10 1575 1585 20 at 1580
10 at 1585
3 at 1600
1 at 1585
30 at 1585

INSURANCES

Union 115 120

SHIPPING

Asia Nat 73 73 100 at 73 1/2

Docks, ETC

Wharf 21 40

Shui Bach 1 10 0 1,000 at 8

LAND, ETC

HK Hotel 0 53 0 70 2,000 at 0 53

Shui Land 1 10

Humphreys 18 10

Realty 2 00 2 15 1,000 at 2 12 1/2

UTILITIES

Tram 20 00 200 at 20 1/2

C. Light (O) 15 10 40 200 at 10 40

C. Light (N) 12 00 1,100 at 12 30

Electric 31 200 at 31 1/2

Telephone 20 200 at 30 1/2

INDUSTRIALS

Cement 20 40 20 600 at 20 1/2

Paper 17 1/2 1,000 at 20 1/2

MINING

Metal Indust. 2 1/2 500 at 2 1/2

STONES, ETC

C. Crawford 27 50 200 at 27 40

COTTONS

Y. Corp. 7 1/2

MISCELLANEOUS

Yangtze 9 1/2

Yamutai 141

London Metal Market

London, Feb. 22.

The lead and zinc markets were very steady in the morning and afternoon session with turnovers 400 tons and 150 tons respectively.

Prices closed today in sterling per long ton were:

Copper spot 225 238

3-month 218 231

Lead Feb. 218 218 1/2

May 218 218 1/2

Zinc Feb. 218 218 1/2

May 218 218 1/2

—United Press.

TIN MARKET

London, Feb. 22.

The tin market was firmer in the morning session with spot marked up 6 sterling to £608 1/2.

Three-month also marked up 2 1/2 sterling to £639.

Closing prices in sterling per long ton were:

Spot buyer 607 1/2

seller 607 1/2

3-month buyer 639

seller 639

—United Press.

Singapore Rubber

Singapore, Feb. 22.

The rubber market steadied after opening on some short covering. Thereafter, it fluctuated narrowly throughout the day. Future closings:

No. 1 rubber per lb. March 54 1/2-54 3/4

April 54 1/2-54 3/4

May 54 1/2-54 3/4

No. 2 rubber per lb. March 54 1/2-54 3/4

April 54 1/2-54 3/4

May 54 1/2-54 3/4

Spot rubber unbleached 53 1/2-53 3/4

—United Press.

LONDON MARKET

London, Feb. 22.

The rubber market was very steady with No. 1 Rs spot quoted at 10 1/2 pence per lb.

Prices:

No. 1 Rs spot 10 1/2-10 3/4

Settlement house term 10 1/2-10 3/4

March 10 1/2-10 3/4

April 10 1/2-10 3/4

—United Press.

LONDON WOOL TOPS

London, Feb. 22.

The wool tops futures market today closed barely steady. Turnover was 88 lots.

Closing prices:

March 10 1/2-10 3/4

April 10 1/2-10 3/4

May 10 1/2-10 3/4

June 10 1/2-10 3/4

July 10 1/2-10 3/4

August 10 1/2-10 3/4

September 10 1/2-10 3/4

October 10 1/2-10 3/4

November 10 1/2-10 3/4

December 10 1/2-10 3/4

—United Press.

Russia Wants To Trade With West Germany

Moscow, Feb. 21.

Russia hopes to establish trade and cultural relations with Western Germany although the Bonn Government of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer continues to be the target for sharp attack in the Soviet press.

Diplomats in Moscow noted with interest that Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, told the Berlin conference that absence of relations between Moscow and Bonn "does not at all exclude the possibility of appropriate contact and the establishment of relations between the Soviet Union and the West German Federal Republic."

Mr. Molotov said attempts at the establishment of relations had already taken place, but "they were insufficient and have not yet given the proper results."

The Soviet Foreign Minister referred to the desirability of not only business connections, but cultural relations between Russia and Western Germany.

Diplomats considered that Mr. Molotov's statement was more than a passing reference and that more might be heard on the same theme.

NO OBSTACLES

A few days after the speech, "Izvestia," the Soviet Government newspaper devoted a long article to opportunities for trade between the Soviet Union and Western Germany.

There were no obstacles for development of economic ties with Bonn, Izvestia said.

Soviet trade experts and representatives of West German industry met in Copenhagen in 1952, and this meeting was followed by the visit of West German businessmen to Moscow.

Several contracts were signed and there are renewed indications here that West German companies are continuing to be interested in the Soviet market.

British businessmen in Moscow reported that the Russians told them West German firms were giving lower bids for certain goods.—China Mail Special.

Egypt Outside British Cotton Buyers

London.

Egyptian merchants are believed to be behind a £1,600,000 coup in Sudan cotton aimed at embarrassing the busy cotton mills of Lancashire.

The coup has just been carried out at a cotton auction at Port Sudan. It has caused the biggest sensation amongst Liverpool cotton men for years.

They expected to buy big up to 35, 40, or 2 1/2 to 4d more than at the last sale.

But every bid they made was always capped by the Egyptians, who snapped up 20,000 bales at around 4s. 10. equal to £22 a bale.

This put the cotton high above what Liverpool's buyers could pay.

So although Lancashire needs it they had to come away empty-handed.

One big cotton importer said: "It looks like a deliberate attempt by the Egyptians, possibly inspired by the Cairo Government—to prevent the cotton coming to Britain."

Sudan growers still have another 200,000 bales to put on sale.

Now British cotton buyers wonder what will happen then. They fear the cotton will either be offered in bulk at around 4s. 10. or that the Egyptians will continue buying to keep the price out of Lancashire's reach.

London Foreign Exchange

London, Feb. 22.

New York 23 1/2-23 7/8

Amsterdam 10 1/2-10 3/4

Blocked Mark 10 1/2-10 3/4

Hamburg 10 1/2-10 3/4

Copenhagen 10 1/2-10 3/4

Paris 10 1/2-10 3/4

Stockholm 10 1/2-10 3/4

Others were unchanged.—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local money market at the following rates:

1/2% call money 10 1/2-10 3/4

3-month call money 10 1/2-10 3/4

6-month call money 10 1/2-10 3/4

12-month call money 10 1/2-10 3/4

—United Press.

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Issued or to be issued.

\$5,000,000

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The Directors are already aware of applications for 650,000 shares which will be made in terms of this Prospectus, and these shares will be allotted in full.

VOTING RIGHTS: Every member has one vote on a show of hands. Every member has upon a poll one vote for every share held by him.

Directors.

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10 Dragon Terrace, Causeway Bay, Hongkong. (Chairman of Hang Seng Bank Ltd.).

8 Seymour Road, Hongkong. (Financier).

4 Dragon Terrace, Hongkong. (Stockbroker).

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23 Calne Road, Hongkong. (Partner in Dao Heng Bank).

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PROSPECTUS.

PARTICULARS: The Corporation was incorporated on the 27th January, 1954, as a Private Company and converted into a Public Company on the 18th February, 1954.

OBJECTS: The Corporation has been formed with the objects set out in the Memorandum of Association, which forms part of this Prospectus, and in particular to carry on the business of a Finance and Investment Company and an Issuing House by—

(a) the profitable employment of its capital in selected investments, provision of additional capital for selected enterprises and in other forms of financing.

(b) the promotion of companies and underwriting of issues in connection with new and established businesses in the Colony.

(c) giving advice in respect of and generally assisting financially and otherwise amalgamations, reconstructions, reorganizations and company affairs in general.

(d) to participate in underwriting in capital markets abroad.

(e) to receive and turn to advantage options on shares and other securities.

(f) to purchase or otherwise acquire whether in concerns domiciled in the Colony or elsewhere, blocks of shares and to dispose of them on the market as suitable opportunities arise.

and generally to act as an Issuing and Financial House in Hongkong.

All propositions put before the Corporation will be studied individually and will be supported when, in the opinion of the Directors, prospects are sufficiently promising to warrant the employment of the Corporation's funds for such purposes.

It is anticipated that the Corporation's functions will be recognized and its facilities called on by other capital markets and the existing connections of Messrs. Wheelock Marden & Co., Ltd. will be made available to the Corporation and will be utilized to that end.

Arrangements are under discussion for the profitable use as an interim measure of a substantial portion of the funds which will be made available to the Corporation as a result of this present issue.

MANAGEMENT: The Corporation has entered into a contract (Contract No. 1 below) with Messrs. Wheelock Marden & Co., Ltd. to act as Secretaries & General Managers.

AUDITORS REPORT: The following is a copy of a letter received by the Corporation from its Auditors, Messrs. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., Chartered Accountants:—

Hongkong, February 19, 1954.

The Directors,

Allied Investors Corporation Limited,

Hongkong.

Gentlemen:

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1954.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Fred And Frank

It was Saturday night, and in the East End, two men, both in their sixties, decided a drink would do them no harm. There was no collusion between the two. They were strangers to each other and never met, even in the bars they used.

But they shared a common misfortune. Both of them drank too much, got themselves arrested, spent the week-end in the cells, and on the Monday morning pleaded guilty at the Old Street court to the charge of being drunk.

There, the likeness between them ended, and the differences began. For Frank, the elder of the two, had drunk out of devilment, and Fred, the other, out of despair.

NEXT THING I KNEW

FRANK was the first to be shown into the dock. A tall, craggy, North Countryman, who grinned like a schoolboy caught out on some minor escapade, as a policeman briefly told Mr. H. F. R. Sturge, the magistrate, of his arrest.

"He gave me no trouble," the officer said, "and he is not known."

"Well, what do you want to say?" Mr. Sturge asked Frank.

"I don't seem to take the drink so well nowadays as I used to. But I thought, it being Saturday, I'd risk a couple of stouts."

"And the next thing I knew I was drinking with all sorts—Cockneys, Irishmen, Yorkshiremen. I even finished up by drinking with a Jew."

FAREWELL SALUTE

HE sounded as astonished by this last, as if he had come to after his drinking bout, in the Jew's home, instead of in a cell in an East End police station.

"Well, it's unwise to drink, if you find you can't take it," said the magistrate, "but you've been inside two days so we'll say no more about it."

Frank saluted, said thank you, and strode off. Into the dock in his place, crept Fred.

Fred is a crabbled little man, with a ghastly, melancholy face, which on this morning bore cuts and grazes that suggested he might have been fighting lamp-posts or brick walls.

INTANGIBLES

WHEN details of Fred's arrest had been given, Mr. Sturge glanced towards the gaoler.

"He's been here before, hasn't he?" he asked.

"Yes, sir. In the last five years, hardly a month's gone by without his coming," the gaoler answered.

The magistrate turned to Fred, whose roving, baleful, lustreless eyes told more of

himself than he knew. For they were the eyes of a man in search of intangibles—happiness, contentment, a quiet spirit—who would never find what he sought, because he looked for them always the wrong way, always the same way, through the bottoms of upturned glasses.

"Last time," said Mr. Sturge to Fred, "you told me you weren't going downhill."

SEND ME TO PRISON

"WHY don't you send me to prison then, for this cure they talk about?" cried Fred, almost savagely, his tone laying the blame for his plight squarely on the shoulders of all society.

"That's what I'm going to do," said Mr. Sturge, quietly. "It will be 40s. or 28 days."

"I got cuts on me head and all," Fred muttered. He went out muttering other things to himself. He had no money, so would go to prison for a month. That was easy. He had no faith in himself and no hope for the future.

When they let him out of prison, they could not set him free. He could only continue the same old search—and he seemed to know only one way to seek what he was after.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than those shown below, can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

By Air
Indo-China, 8 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, February 24

By Air
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A. and Canada, 8 a.m.
Indo-China, 8 a.m.
Fuzhou, Japan, U.S.A. & Canada, 1 p.m.
Japan, 8 p.m.
Fuzhou, 8 p.m.
Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 8 p.m.

By Surface
China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.
Macao, 9 a.m.
Indo-China, 1 p.m.
Philippines, Ceylon, Aden, Middle East, Italy, Great Britain and Europe, 1 p.m.
Japan, Noon.
Formosa, 1 p.m.
Thailand, Burma, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 10 a.m.

Thursday, February 25

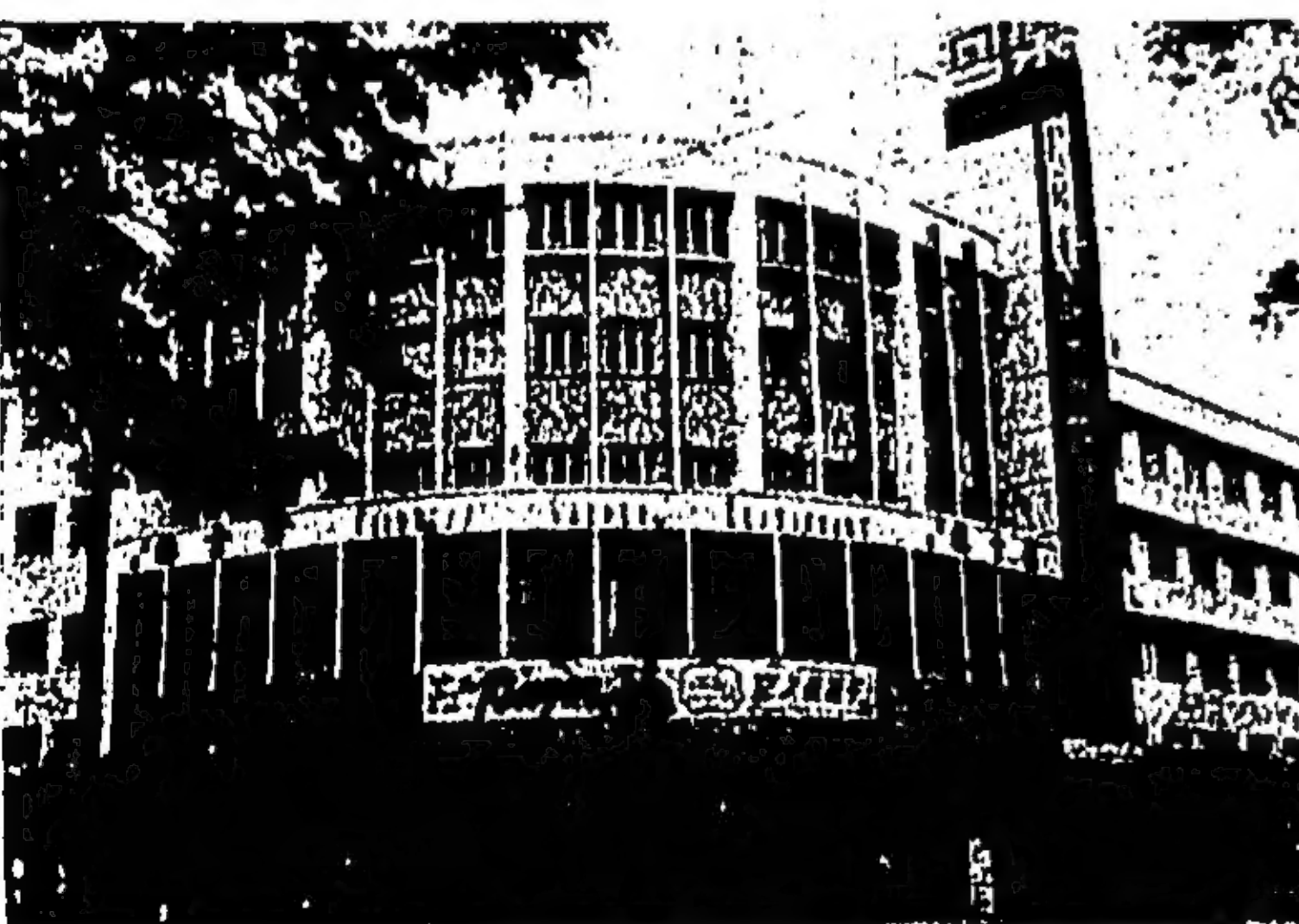
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India, Ceylon, 9 a.m.
Thailand, Burma, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 10 a.m.

By Surface
Formosa, 1 p.m.
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A. and Canada, 1 p.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, Japan, U.S.A. and Canada, 8 p.m.

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Boy Buried 6 Hours, Then Rescued



Churchill To Take A Leading Part In Berlin Talks Debate

London, Feb. 23.

Sir Winston Churchill decided at a Cabinet meeting last night that he himself would make one of the leading speeches in this week's House of Commons debate on the Berlin Foreign Ministers' conference.

The debate will be opened on Wednesday by Mr Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, who headed the British delegation at Berlin, with the Prime Minister as first speaker on the second day.

In the Prime Minister's private room in Parliament, Mr Eden gave his colleagues a full appraisal of the Berlin meeting.

At the same time Opposition leaders met nearby to seek an end to Labour Party quarrels on the issue of German rearmament, which will figure prominently in the debate.

The dilemma of the Labour leaders is that one influential section of the party thinks the

inclusion of German forces in the proposed European army would help Western security, while another is certain this would spell danger.

Socialists predicted a stormy session tonight, when the full Labour Party in the House of Commons meets privately to decide its attitude for the debate.

Some Socialists are expressing anger at an article written by Mr Herbert Morrison, Deputy Party leader and former Foreign Secretary, in yesterday's issue of the Liberal News Chronicle.

Mr Morrison, one of a powerful group favourable to the inclusion of German forces in the European army, drew attention to the resolution passed by the Labour Party at its annual conference last autumn. This included the passage that there should be no German rearmament before further efforts had been made to secure the peaceful unification of Germany.

Mr Morrison declared: "Well, these efforts have been made. Logically, the declarations not only of the Labour Party but of the official declarations of the Labour Government in favour of the principle of a German military contribution to security should now operate."

Critics said Mr Morrison should have kept silent until today's private meeting of the party.

Mr Morrison's views are shared by some but not all of the Labour "old guard." Mr Hugh Dalton, for instance, is a consistent opponent of German rearmament.

And the party left wing, headed by Mr Aneurin Bevan, claims the failure of Berlin efforts had been made to secure a unified Germany.

It was announced last night that Mr Clement Attlee, Labour Party leader, and Mr Herbert Morrison will speak in the debate.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

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6.30. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.30. Melody with the Stars: 6.30. BBC Bandstand. Scottish C.W.S. Band. Song by George Hawkins (BBC7S): 6.35. Weather Report: 7. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 7.10. News Talk (London Relay): 7.15. News Announcements: 7.15. Interlude: 7.20. The Story of a Village (BBC7S): 7.25. Forces Reunited (London Relay): 7.30. Demi-leure Francaise (Studio): 7.35. "First Hearing" presented by Bernard Hick (Studio): 7.40. News: 7.45. Window on a Village (BBC7S): 7.50. News made by Colin Wells Produced by H. D. Smith (BBC7S): 8. "Kismet" (BBC7S): 8.15. News: 8.20. Music from Alexander Borodin Musical Adaptation a Lyric by Denise Morrow. Song by Henry Calvin and Richard Kiley with Chorus and Orchestral Band: 8.25. News: 8.30. News: 8.35. News: 8.40. News: 8.45. News: 8.50. News: 8.55. News: 9.00. News: 9.05. News: 9.10. News: 9.15. News: 9.20. News: 9.25. News: 9.30. News: 9.35. News: 9.40. News: 9.45. News: 9.50. News: 9.55. News: 10.00. News: 10.05. 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